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AT THE

TWENTIETH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held at Regina on Wednesday the 16th
Day of June, 1926



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M.W. BRO. W. J. SMITH
Grand Master 1926-1927

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.

PROCEEDINGS: ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M., convened in the Auditorium of the City Hall, Regina, at 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 16th, 1926.
Present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Gilbert Swain, on the Throne

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith

PAST GRAND MASTERS:—M. W. Bros. C. O. Davidson, W. B. Tate, A. S. Gorrell, W. M. Thomson, J. H. Anderson, J. McCauley R. Young, A. Sheppard, D. A. Kingsbury.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:—R.W. Bros. M. A. MacKay (1), H. H. Tubman (2), E. Kingsbury (3), F. B. Williams (5), D. Bannatyne (6), S. G. Peters (7), J. A. Thompson (9), T. D. Moase (11), J. W. Burton (12), G. H. Stephenson (14), A. G. McLean (16).

R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin	Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate	Grand Secretary
Bro. Rev. S. Farley, M.A.	as Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. S. R. Stephens	Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. H. Brockway	Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. Bro. E. Cullum-Bird	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. F. Parks	Grand Supt. of Works
V.W. Bro. J. C. Carter	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. R. Thomson	Grand Pursuivant
Bro. D. MacGregor	Grand Tyler

GRAND STEWARDS:—V.W. Bros. P. W. Farnsworth (137), W. J. Shoult (103), W. Latimer (161), G. Mahaffy (140), D. McKenzie (115), O. F. Springer (169).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M.W. Bro. R. Young	Alabama
R.W. Bro. W. McCauley	Arkansas
R.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke	British Columbia
M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell	Canada in Ontario
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R.W. Bro. W. G. Robinson	Connecticut

R.W. Bro. D. Bannatyne	Delaware
V.W. Bro. H. C. Speller	Georgia
R.W. Bro. G. W. Hooker	Indiana
M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate	Ireland
R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin	Kansas
R.W. Bro. C. P. Moore	Michigan
M.W. Bro. J. McCauley	Minnesota
R.W. Bro. J. W. Wickware	Maryland
M.W. Bro. D. A. Kingsbury	Nebraska
M.W. Bro. G. Swain	Nevada
R.W. Bro. N. R. Craig	New Jersey
M.W. Bro. W. M. Thomson	New York
R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly	New Zealand
W. Bro. R. C. Honeyman	New South Wales
M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson	Nova Scotia
R.W. Bro. A. M. Bell	North Carolina
R.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin	Oregon
R.W. Bro. J. A. Mooney	Quebec
R.W. Bro. J. N. Bayne	Rhode Island
M.W. Bro. A. Shepphard	Scotland
R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith	South Dakota
R.W. Bro. J. McGregor	Tennessee
M.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson	Texas
R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore	Vermont
R.W. Bro. J. O. Clarke	Victoria
R.W. Bro. W. J. McKay	Virginia

REPRESENTATIVES CONSTITUENT LODGES AND PAST MASTERS

- No. 1—Kinistino, Prince Albert; C. O. Davidson, R. Young, W. E. Bristowe, C. L. Riach, J. T. Tomlinson, R. N. Smith, J. W. Horton.
- No. 2—Wascana, Regina; A. Shepphard, F. B. Reilly, D. A. R. McCannel, J. J. Galloway, J. H. Symons, J. C. Moore, J. N. Bayne, W. M. Martin, J. R. C. Honeyman, J. McIntosh, R. J. Brandon.
- No. 3—Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw: J. McCauley, W. McCauley, K. R. McKenzie, F. W. Chapman, A. L. McIntosh, C. W. Crichton.
- No. 4—Qu'Appelle Valley, Fort Qu'Appelle; W. M. Thomson, W. E. Read, R. W. Kirkby, G. S. Dodd.
- No. 5—Indian Head, Indian Head; F. W. Hart.
- No. 6—Qu'Appelle, Qu'Appelle; A. G. Rawlinson, F. J. Truran, T. Lewis, J. F. Bell.
- No. 7—Moosomin, Moosomin: O. Neff, D. Tubman, V. C. McCurdy.
- No. 8—Ashlar, Whitewood; J. Wilson, E. F. Roland.
- No. 9—Maple Leaf, Maple Creek; C. G. Kearns, H. G. Balsden.
- No. 10—Evening Star, Grenfell; J. W. Claxton.
- No. 11—N.W.M.P., Regina; A. S. Correll, B. G. Stead, F. C. D. Smith, W. J. Brake, H. Brockway, D. A. Grant, R. A. Tate, H. Shawcross, F. T. Parker.
- No. 12—Yorkton, Yorkton: W. J. Cowan, A. W. Smith.
- No. 14—Sintaluta, Sintaluta; T. E. Partridge, C. L. Dickin, C. V. Tubman, E. Mitchell.
- No. 15—Amity, Carnduff; W. J. McGowan.

- No. 16—Saskatchewan, Saskatoon; J. H. Anderson, B. R. Masecar,
R. McRae, J. H. Warren.
- No. 17—Carlyle, Carlyle; F. Mills.
- No. 18—Melfort, Melfort; J. Gibb.
- No. 19—Battle, Battleford; J. L. Blyth.
- No. 20—Weyburn, Weyburn; G. Lythgoe, S. H. Mitchell, J. Grant.
- No. 21—Arcola, Arcola; H. Fraser, W. H. Sellars.
- No. 22—Rosthern, Rosthern; W. A. Dewar, G. E. Goble.
- No. 23—Britannia, Lloydminster; R. E. Stevenson.
- No. 24—Wolseley, Wolseley; T. W. Tiller, J. G. Platt.
- No. 25—Estevan, Estevan; D. Bannatyne, W. R. Whitby, J. A. Logan.
- No. 26—Swift Current, Swift Current; W. A. McPhail, W. H. Field,
H. C. Speller, D. Campbell, J. K. Irwin.
- No. 28—Hanley, Hanley; W. R. Bradley.
- No. 29—Heward, Heward; T. H. Awde, H. E. Hill.
- No. 30—New Hope, Stoughton; G. D. Gray, A. J. Adie, C. B. Allin,
H. Ogden.
- No. 31—Ionic, North Battleford; S. G. Peters, R. D. Munkley.
- No. 33—Davidson, Davidson; R. G. Lindsay, W. F. Robinson.
- No. 34—Lang, Lang; W. A. Couves.
- No. 35—Prince Rupert, Humboldt; R. J. Spurgeon, A. Smith, F. W. D
Thompson, P. Spurgeon, A. W. Robinson, E. H. Maddocks.
- No. 36—Bruce, Francis; W. G. Robinson.
- No. 38—Ekapo, Broadview; A. K. Darling.
- No. 39—Boscurvis, Oxbow; R. Henders.
- No. 40—Rouleau, Rouleau; D. A. Kingsbury, H. H. Tubman.
- No. 41—Drinkwater, Drinkwater; W. B. Lampman, C. J. Strayer,
J. S. Hilts.
- No. 42—Caron, Caron; W. J. E. Wilson.
- No. 47—Cupar, Cupar; T. Hesketh, R. Rawlins, J. Illingworth.
- No. 49—Assiniboia, Regina; C. G. Sayles, K. W. Ross, L. Waterson,
R. S. Phillips, A. McIndoe, G. Clarke, R. J. Westgate, A. J.
Leigh.
- No. 52—Border, Gainsborough; J. K. Pomeroy.
- No. 53—Nanatah, Balcarres; G. Godkin, A. Lowe, J. F. White, C. W.
Grisdale.
- No. 54—Buchanan, Buchanan; H. E. Williams, C. Powlotsky.
- No. 55—Craik, Craik; J. Robertson, H. Sanden.
- No. 58—King Solomon, Kamsack; J. E. Towers, W. B. Carss.
- No. 59—Canora, Canora; S. L. Waterman.
- No. 60—Imperial, Saskatoon; G. Swain, J. McGregor, J. L. McKinnon.
- No. 61—Rocanville, Rocanville; I. J. Rushton, J. A. Thompson.
- No. 63—Prince Albert, Prince Albert; M. Musk, H. A. Ware, J. J.
Wilson.
- No. 64—Manitou, Watrous; V. R. Code, H. McCreadie, R. Laing,
H. J. Hodge, L. B. Rands.
- No. 65—Outlook, Outlook; G. McKay, J. C. Carter.
- No. 66—Wynyard, Wynyard; T. B. Baker, E. G. Brand, H. A
Whitman, W. J. Whitton, J. P. Eyolfson.

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- No. 68—Govan, Govan: J. O. Clarke, H. S. Neeley, J. Wilkinson, J. Hancock, G. M. Ketcheson.
- No. 69—Carrot River, Kinistino: R. J. M. Humphrey, A. R. Maynard, R. B. Atkinson, A. T. Davidson, J. R. Graham, A. Arn, C. McIntosh
- No. 70—Cypress, Gull Lake; C. F. Colburn, F. N. Imhoff C. B. Atkin, W. M. Atkin.
- No. 71—Doric, Moose Jaw: N. R. Craig, S. R. Stephens, J. U. Thoroughgood, H. Boale, W. C. Paterson.
- No. 72—Corinthian, Lumsden: J. H. Newsome, A. D. MacRae, A. Martin.
- No. 73—Unity, Unity: R. M. S. Cole.
- No. 74—Kilwinning, Adanac: A. M. Bell.
- No. 75—Harmony, Perdue: E. Tuson, G. J. Saunders.
- No. 76—Tisdale, Tisdale: A. M. Fritshaw, W. Connell, M. A. MacKay F. T. Fraser.
- No. 77—Abernethy, Abernethy: W. W. Powell, A. B. Simes, A. A. Hunt.
- No. 78—Tugaske, Tugaske: R. Wilson, J. Gemmill.
- No. 79—Foam Lake, Foam Lake: H. H. Kauffman.
- No. 80—Connaught, Windthorst: W. R. Clark.
- No. 81—Tuscan, Semans: J. N. Smith, J. W. Hodgins, E. Hampson, C. Simpson, E. C. Hollis.
- No. 82—Victoria, Alsask: A. Ellis.
- No. 83—Meridian, Macklin: N. H. Swallow, F. H. Stephens.
- No. 84—Lanigan, Lanigan: W. F. Howard, J. McCulloch.
- No. 85—Zealandia, Zealandia: J. W. Burton, L. Donslin.
- No. 86—Kindersley, Kindersley: R. Thompson.
- No. 87—Wadena, Wadena: A. P. Dowsett, R. H. Nicholson.
- No. 88—Briercrest, Briercrest: E. Kingsbury.
- No. 89—Twin City, Sutherland: W. A. Heath, F. T. Bradley, F. T. Fraser.
- No. 90—Kerrobert, Kerrobert: W. R. Herity.
- No. 91—Rosetown, Rosetown: A. Wilson, G. Fair.
- No. 92—Lodge Progress, Saskatoon: R. W. Asselstine, W. M. Rennie, A. W. Spurgeon
- No. 95—Evergreen, Harris: C. J. Cook.
- No. 97—Radisson, Radisson: C. A. Nutting, R. A. Leslie.
- No. 98—Union, Kelliher: F. Cooksley, F. W. Jones.
- No. 99—Goose Lake, Delisle: J. Busby, R. H. Miller, J. Pope.
- No. 101—Acacia, Imperial: C. Smart, H. H. Cook, W. J. Rodman.
- No. 103—Compsoite, Kennedy: D. A. Steele, W. J. Shoult.
- No. 104—King Hiram, Regina: A. A. Wilson, J. A. Mooney, A. H. Rowbotham, C. L. Smith, T. T. Soohen, H. C. Pope, J. A. Newman, F. E. Doull, J. Wilkie, M. A. Palmer, F. Whiteman, D. McGregor.
- No. 105—Gothic, Luseland: F. E. Jaenicke, F. J. Clark.
- No. 106—St. John's, Assiniboia: A. D. Devine, R. J. Hawthorn.
- No. 107—Mortlach, Mortlach: E. S. Parine, H. H. Ellard.
- No. 108—Long Lake: Liberty, R. Robertson.

- No. 109—Limerick, Limerick: W. E. Jennings, C. M. Wilson, J. Sinclair.
No. 110—Shaunavon, Shaunavon: F. G. Horsey, W. J. Smith, H. M. Underhill.
No. 111—Aneroid, Aneroid: F. Fleck, E. M. Van Nest.
No. 112—Woodrow, Woodrow: G. W. Hooker, G. H. Moore, J. L. Jaycock, H. Jaycock, S. Bradley.
No. 113—Broderick, Glenside: W. B. Tate.
No. 114—Central Butte, Central Butte: O. E. Logan.
No. 115—Landis, Landis: D. McKenzie, J. Sprung.
No. 116—Ceylon, Ceylon: C. B. Hatt.
No. 117—Dundurn, Dundurn: C. N. Tisdale, A. E. Hokanson.
No. 119—Cabri, Cabri: J. W. Adair, R. W. McAdam.
No. 120—Ogema, Ogema: H. Crooks.
No. 121—Simpson, Simpson: J. E. Buck, C. Gillard.
No. 123—Lancer, Lancer: H. Long.
No. 124—Mount Hermon, Pennant: T. D. Moase, T. A. Shirkie, W. Dowdeswell, A. E. Grigg, W. H. B. Heye, A. S. Shirkie.
No. 125—Latomia, Weyburn: C. P. Moore.
No. 126—Cadillac, Cadillac: J. A. Peterson.
No. 127—Birch Hills, Birch Hills: W. J. Johnston.
No. 128—Meyronne, Meyronne: G. H. Stephenson, P. L. McNichol, W. Fox.
No. 129—Mossbank, Mossbank: C. C. Shattuck, R. G. Jolly.
No. 130—Togo, Togo: J. A. Grundy.
No. 132—Conquest, Conquest: E. Matheson, W. P. Christian.
No. 133—Philathea, Nokomis: F. S. Hobman, W. J. Adair.
No. 134—Eston, Eston: F. L. James.
No. 136—St. George, Moose Jaw; J. R. Yorke, T. W. McPhail, J. Boyd.
No. 137—Tyrian, Edam: P. W. Farnsworth, H. L. Binns.
No. 140—Sceptre, Sceptre: G. Mahaffy.
No. 142—Leader, Leader: W. E. Wilson.
No. 146—Asquith, Asquith: H. J. Baldwin.
No. 147—Elstow, Elstow: F. B. Williams, R. J. Moffatt.
No. 149—Loverna, Loverna: W. H. Brown.
No. 150—Wawota, Wawota: J. D. McKie, C. A. Rolfe.
No. 151—Viscount, Viscount: W. J. Nickle.
No. 152—Star City, Star City: T. R. McKee, M. S. Mooney, C. H. Carruthers, W. Tucker, H. J. Brett, J. R. McLeod.
No. 154—Banner, Regina: J. W. Wickware, W. Murison, H. R. Barrett, T. A. Woods, R. A. Kirkwood, H. Rutherford, F. W. Tanner, A. C. Garner, M. A. Case.
No. 155—Raymore, Raymore: A. G. McLean, T. Greenwood.
No. 157—Bredenbury, Bredenbury: A. Loftson, J. F. Churchill.
No. 158—Borden, Borden: T. J. Ford, S. Reading, A. E. Orchard, A. H. Elliott, N. S. Smith, A. R. Clarke.
No. 159—Springside, Springside: J. Main.
No. 161—Welwyn, Welwyn: W. Latimer.

- No. 162—Saltcoats, Saltcoats: J. C. Davison, G. S. Croley, J. W. Kennedy.
- No. 163—Fillmore, Fillmore: F. C. Wilson, J. D. MacLean.
- No. 164—Milestone, Milestone: W. S. C. Watkins, A. McArthur, R. Rennick, J. M. Martin.
- No. 165—St. Luke's, Plenty: W. J. McConnell.
- No. 167—Preeceville, Preeceville: D. McMurphy, G. L. Baal, J. Gelmon.
- No. 168—Earl Grey, Earl Grey: E. J. Vickers, A. Binnie.
- No. 169—Quill Lake, Quill Lake: W. Meiklejohn, O. F. Springer, D. Armstrong.
- No. 170—Sharon, Bateman: J. E. Walker, R. Brechon.
- No. 172—Memorial, Moose Jaw: H. G. Bedford, H. D. Hedley.
- No. 173—Lakeview, Tessier: G. H. Johnson, A. E. Major.
- No. 174—St. Andrews, Regina: S. Lyne, G. Milne, F. Guest, E. C. Bird, W. Leslie, G. J. Stephenson, R. E. Mercer, B. J. Strong.
- No. 175—Radville, Radville: N. Leabo.
- No. 176—Gray, Gray: J. R. Bunn.
- No. 177—Verwood, Verwood: F. Parks.
- No. 178—Norquay, Norquay: A. E. Wylie.
- No. 179—Kelvington, Kelvington: H. M. Lovell, T. H. Case.
- No. 180—Herbert, Herbert: R. J. McClelland.
- No. 181—Tuberoze, Tuberoze: R. M. Lindsay.
- No. 183—Nipawin, Nipawin: W. Connell, W. C. Shearer, F. H. White.
- No. 184—Osage, Osage: C. H. Mitchell.
- No. 185—Loyalty, Ruddell: E. O. Hancox.
- No. 186—Emulation, Regina: C. A. Cooke, I. N. Love, R. N. Kelly.
- No. 187—Lucky Lake, Lucky Lake: D. Munro.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Grand Lodge being assembled the Hon. W. J. Patterson, Provincial Treasurer, His Worship W. E. Mason, Mayor of the City of Regina and W. Bro. D. A. R. McCannell, Worshipful Master of Wascana Lodge No. 2, were introduced to Grand Lodge by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. W. J. Patterson, in tendering a hearty welcome on behalf of the Provincial Government said:

That Governments were expected to do many things and he hoped that the members present would not hold the Provincial Government responsible for weather conditions. He was glad to welcome Grand Lodge because it would not pass resolutions and afterwards call on the Legislature to transfer these resolutions into legislation. Also because it was an organization that did not make any demands on the Public Treasury. He stated that the main reason he appreciated the privilege of attending the session was because of what Masonry stood for. The purpose of Masonry was to develop character and improve morals and, while at one time ignorance of its principles had caused suspicion and mistrust, the public now had a better knowledge of the craft and with that knowledge an increased respect and appreciation of the work done by the Order. Morality in its widest sense

included good citizenship and that Masonry appreciated this fact was proved in the first charge the newly initiated candidate received. This charge set forth very clearly the duty of the citizen to the state and a good Mason would also be a good citizen.

He appreciated the ancient rule of the order which prohibited it from taking part in politics and agreed that Masonry should not link itself with any political party. He was of the opinion, however, that Masonry had a political function using the word "political" in its broader and proper sense. That function was in the direction of establishing high standards of citizenship and in the maintenance of an established and ordered system of Government.

He paid a tribute to the work of the Benevolent Fund and in conclusion joined with Mayor Mason in welcoming the delegates to the City of Regina and hoping that they would have a successful and pleasant communication of Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. E. Mason, in extending a welcome to the visiting brethren on behalf of the city said:

The City of Regina wish to acknowledge the great honor conferred upon them by your order, in making our City the place of your convention for this year. I also wish on behalf of the citizens of Regina, and the City Council, to extend to you a most hearty welcome, at the same time expressing the wish that your deliberations will be profitable and that your stay in the Capital City will be thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Free Masonry has been handed down through ages and is practiced in every civilized land. The Universality of Masonry appeals to everyone. Masonry is the same the world over. A commercial traveller landed in Salt Lake City one night and was immediately taken to his hotel. According to his practice, he looked out of the window to discover the points of the compass. The darkness and fog was so dense that this was impossible. On awakening in the morning the heavy fog still prevailed. He called the colored waiter in the breakfast room and said: "Sam, what are the points of the compass?" Sam said: "Master, I don't exactly understand." "Well, Sam, what is North, South, East and West in this town?" "I think it is pretty nearly the same as in all other towns." So is it with Masonry.

You have much business in hand to be transacted, and I will not delay you further than to repeat the word of welcome with the hope that you may, before a far distant date, again foregather in this city.

W. Bro. D. A. R. McCannel extended a welcome on behalf of the seven Regina Lodges in the following terms:

On behalf of the Craft lodges of this City, I wish to extend to you our thanks for the honour you have paid us in holding this communication of Grand Lodge in our City. We feel that you have highly honoured us by meeting in our midst at this time, and on their behalf it affords me great pleasure to have the privilege of extending to you a most cordial welcome.

We trust that while your time will be largely taken up with the consideration of the important matters to be brought before Grand Lodge, we may have the opportunity of assisting in your entertainment during your leisure hours.

The Regina Brethren wish to make this visit of yours one long to be remembered and we sincerely hope that you will allow us to be of service to you while in our City. To many of you, brethren, it is no doubt like home to be in Regina, while to others who may be less

fortunate we trust to be able to show you our City and its people, that you may feel at home during your stay with us.

There is a reception committee of Regina brethren that you will find wearing committee badges, and this committee are entirely at your service, and they hope that you will make your wants known to them.

There are many sights worth seeing in this City at the present time and ample cars have been provided to take care of anyone desiring to see the City, and it is hoped that the time required for this communication of Grand Lodge will permit of our arranging to take you for a drive to points of interest. As the agenda of this meeting does not allow for a pre-arranged hour for a motor drive, a car will be in readiness at any time that the opportunity presents itself, and we are hoping that time and weather will permit for a general drive being carried out on Thursday afternoon following the closing of this communication.

There is a matter which we hope will be of particular interest to you that is not mentioned on the agenda for Grand Lodge. I refer to a complimentary Banquet to all members of Grand Lodge by the lodges of this City. It has been arranged to hold such a Banquet on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock in the Regina Trading Company's Dining Hall.

At previous communications you may recollect receiving a complimentary ticket to such a function. On this occasion we have not burdened you with a ticket, and no tickets will be required, this announcement being the invitation to all the members of Grand Lodge, and we sincerely hope that your present visit to our City will not be complete until after you have attended this function.

Realizing time is pressing, I will conclude my remarks by again stating our pleasure at having you with us and we trust your stay may be both profitable to the craft and a pleasure to you as members.

The M.W. the Grand Master called upon R.W. Bro. C. P. Moore to respond to the welcome extended by the Hon W. J. Patterson, M.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson to respond to that of the Mayor and M.W. Bro. R. Young to that of the Regina Lodges, which they did in most pleasing and appropriate terms.

OPENING OF GRAND LODGE

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. on the proceedings.

On motion of M.W. Bro. R. Young and R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith it was resolved that all Master Masons in good standing, properly vouched for, be admitted and permitted to attend Grand Lodge as visitors.

On motion of R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly and M.W. Bro. D. A. Kingsbury, it was resolved "That the minutes of the Grand Lodge at the Nineteenth Annual Communication, held in the City of Saskatoon on June 17th, and 18th, 1925, as printed in the Proceedings be taken as read and confirmed."

On motion of M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate and J. H. Anderson the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business were taken as read.

RECEPTION—DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

M.W. Bro. C. Ensor Sharp, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of British Columbia, was announced. The Grand Master appointed M.W. Bros. C. O. Davidson and W. M. Thomson a committee to present our distinguished guest. M.W. Bro. Sharp was introduced by M.W. Bro. Davidson who called attention to the fact that this was the first time the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan had been honored by a visit from a representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The Grand Master cordially welcomed our distinguished guest to Grand Lodge and invited him to the East where he received the Grand Honors of Masonry after which he spoke briefly. He said:

It is indeed a pleasure to me to have this opportunity of visiting the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and I wish to express the deep appreciation I feel at the kind and cordial reception that has been extended to me here in the city of Regina by the Craft. I was very much impressed with the cordiality of the invitation to visit your Grand Lodge extended to me by your Grand Secretary and I fully appreciate the affectionate nature of Saskatchewan, indeed parts of it stick to me every time I go out.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia will feel proud of the welcome that has been extended to me by this Grand Lodge. British Columbia is a much older Grand Lodge but Saskatchewan is the larger. Personally I find that visiting enables one to form a more complete opinion of the things which make for Masonry or hinder it—in other words one sees the glory or the failure of the Masonic life and I am very much impressed with what I have seen of Masonry in your Grand Jurisdiction.

As we know Masonry expects great things of the brotherhood and these things the Mason is anxious, nearly always, to fulfil, but he sometimes fails. The cause of failure is chiefly lack of knowledge and understanding of the inner teaching of the Craft, and how it should apply to the life of the Freemason. Few Lodges have time to take up the study of Freemasonry, and very few Masons find time or inclination to study it by themselves and for themselves. Yet we should do so as a duty, and if we do it, we are surprised to find how much there is in Masonry that we never suspected, and how wonderfully its teachings can help our daily life. No one can be a true Mason who has not got the spirit of vision, that is of seeing beyond the merely material things of life, and finding everywhere something that will uplift the visionary and make him helpful to the Great Architect of the Universe and his fellowmen.

Masonry begins to teach this vision by making use of the beauty, the drama, and the philosophy of Greece which are still the standard in this present century of beauty, drama and philosophy. Here the Mason learns that nothing beautiful is helpful unless seen with pure eyes—that is the first great step in the spirit of Masonic vision.

Then she goes on to point out that vision is a spiritual thing, that it is a thing that can hold and bind a man, be his religion, for "religion" simply means "binding" or "holding". To teach this great truth she takes the religious action of the Hebrew race, which for 4000 years has given witness to a life penetrated through and through with an intensity of religious feeling. All Hebrew poetry, history, education, and home and public life alike is inspired with religious feeling and that feeling is a passion for worship of the Great Architect of the Universe and a life of brotherhood and helpfulness.

That then is our greatest help to being true Masons. In proportion as a Mason lives by it so he shows the glory of Masonry. His attitude towards the Great Architect of the Universe gives him a value in social life that is always uplifting, for it silently points out that man at his best is a friend of God. His attitude towards his fellowman leads others to see that we are not here for ourselves but for others, that happiness lies in forgetfulness of self and that life is only really productive when our personal joy is to help others.

One of the greatest things about Masonry is that it asks for that which we all can give. It does not require a higher education, or wealth, or ability—but it demands of all its members that which is within the reach of all, namely, to be a friend of God and a friend of man.

I extend to you my very grateful thanks for your cordial reception. I know that there is much business to come before the Grand Lodge, and I will not take up more of your time. I wish you a very pleasant and profitable communication. I thank you.

RECEPTION—GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M.W. the Grand Master invited the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to assemble at the Altar, and, addressing them briefly, extended felicitations and greetings and requested each to communicate with the Grand Lodge he represented giving an outline of things accomplished in Saskatchewan for Masonry. R.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, responded on behalf of the assembled Representatives.

RECEPTION—MASONIC VETERANS

The Grand Master requested the Grand Secretary to introduce the following veterans, R.W. Bro. D. McMurphy and W. Bro. W. Meiklejohn.

The Grand Secretary in introducing these veterans called attention to the fact that R.W. Bro. McMurphy, who is eighty two years of age, had been sixty years a Mason and that since taking up his residence in Saskatchewan had been the first Master of Buchanan Lodge No. 54, in 1910, and of Preeceville Lodge No. 167 in 1922, and in the year 1911 had been District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 10; and that W. Bro. Meiklejohn, who is a Charter member of Quill Lake Lodge No. 169, had been forty-seven years a Mason.

The Grand Master greeted these veterans and expressed the hope that they might be long spared to adorn those Masonic principles which they had not only professed but lived.

There being no further business on the agenda for the morning session the Grand Master called the Craft from labor to refreshment until 2 p.m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 p.m., M.W. Bro. Gilbert Swain, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The M.W. the Grand Master delivered the following address, which on motion of M.W. Bros. C. O. Davidson and J. McCauley was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Saskatchewan:

We are again assembled in Annual Communication to review the activities of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and to decide certain problems concerning the welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction which will be brought before us in the course of our meeting. This is our Twentieth Annual Communication, and it is a source of great satisfaction I am sure to all members of our Grand Lodge, that we have been able to make so much solid and substantial progress, as it is our good fortune to report at this time. Our Grand Lodge was formed in 1906, and to those expert Craftsmen, who so ably laid the foundation of the Structure of which we are proud to be members, must be given the credit of having been imbued with the true Masonic Spirit and Foresight which have characterized the leaders of our fraternity since its inception.

In meeting again, we renew old friendships and we also make new ones. Social intercourse is one of the objects of our Institution, and this is always borne out to the fullest detail, when we meet as a Grand Lodge. I personally welcome you all, and I sincerely trust this Annual Communication will prove not only a means of instruction but also a source of widespread benefit to all of us. It is appropriate that we should meet in the Capital City of Regina on this anniversary, inasmuch as this City is the permanent headquarters of our Grand Lodge. The progress made by this Grand Lodge during the past year, has been a source of great satisfaction to myself, and I am sure to all of you. This progress is more or less due to general conditions that prevail throughout this province. Last year we were blessed with a bountiful harvest, which re-acted in such a manner, that a remarkable improvement in almost every phase of life and activity was shown; and it would appear that our fair province of which we are all so justly proud, is about to enter upon a period of renewed prosperity and development. With the betterment of general conditions, is shown a remarkable growth in Masonic interest throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and the seekers after Masonic Light are very much on the increase. To those deemed worthy it is our duty and our privilege to accord a kindly welcome. We have many blessings and benefits to be thankful for during the past year, and our expressions of thanks to the Most High, should be profoundly sincere and reverent, remembering always that He alone is the source of all wisdom, as well as the fountain of every blessing.

I publicly express my appreciation of the honour I received at your hands one year ago, when you placed me at the head of this Grand Jurisdiction, an honor that I thought at one time was entirely beyond me, but which the course of events has shown to be a proof that, "there is a Field Marshal's baton in every soldier's knapsack," an honour that has also been appreciated by my many friends. I humbly hope that I have filled the High Office with credit not only to myself, but to this entire Grand Jurisdiction, and that this Grand Lodge will in some measure benefit by my having been your Grand Master during the year 1925-26.

NECROLOGY.

During the past year I regret to record the passing of several brethren, who have been very closely in touch with the affairs of this Grand Lodge. Among those who are no longer with us are R.W. Bro. R. A. Lee, D.D.G.M. of District No. 6, R.W. Bro. J. W. Cram, Grand Registrar; R.W. Bro. J. M. Shaw, Past Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. W. L. Craddock, P.D.D.G.M. The early members of Grand Lodge will well recollect the untiring efforts of R.W. Bro. Shaw, who was one of those responsible for the formation of this Grand Lodge. To it he proved a devoted servant during his incumbency as Grand Secretary. R.W. Bro. Cram has long been a regular attendant at our Communications of Grand Lodge, taking a very active interest in all its affairs, having for many years been a member of the Board of General Purposes. At the time of his death he was the Grand Registrar of this Grand Lodge. He was a very great personal friend of mine, and I was extremely sorry to hear of his sudden demise; and his removal is a severe blow to the Craft in this Province. R.W. Bro. Lee was taken away in the midst of his labours, and it is especially to be regretted that he had not completed his term of office. His death was a distinct loss to the brethren of District No. 6. R.W. Bro. Craddock had always taken a keen interest in the activities of the Craft, especially in District No. 10 where he was well known and well liked. His death, while not altogether unexpected, appeared to strike with extraordinary suddenness.

The Committee on Necrology will pay respectful tribute to these brethren, and to all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction who departed this life during the past year.

The following is a list of deaths among the Grand Officers of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, so far as official notice has been received:

- Arkansas**—Felix G. Lindsay, Past Grand Master, died June 29th, 1925.
- Colorado**—Ernest Leneve Foster, Past Grand Master, died September 21st, 1925.
- Delaware**—George C. Williams, Past Grand Master, died November 12th, 1925.
- Delaware**—Charles Henry Maull, Past Grand Master, died December, 13th, 1925.
- Delaware**—George Massey Jones, Past Grand Master, died January 23rd, 1926.
- Georgia**—James W. Taylor, Past Grand Master, died December 15th, 1925.
- Indiana**—William Eastin English, Past Grand Master, died April 29th, 1926.
- Indiana**—Mason Jenks Niblack, Past Grand Master, died January 3rd, 1926.
- Iowa**—Thomas Arthur, Past Grand Master, died September 15th, 1925.
- Iowa**—William Hutchinson, Past Grand Master, died December 22nd, 1925.
- Kansas**—James H. McCall, Past Grand Master, died August 11th, 1925.
- Kentucky**—Earl Worthington Wethers, Past Grand Master, died November 21st, 1925.
- Louisiana**—Adolph Gustav Ricks, Grand Treasurer, died December 15th, 1925.
- Montana**—Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary, died July 31st, 1925.
- Montana**—Henry Martin Parchen, Past Grand Treasurer, died October 6th, 1925.

Nebraska—John Adam Ehrhardt, Past Grand Master, died November 1st, 1925.
North Dakota—Ebarts Cornelius Stevens, Past Grand Treasurer, died September 1st, 1925.
Ohio—Joel Cave Clore, Past Grand Master, died March 5th, 1926.
Texas—William Hamilton Nichols, Past Grand Master, died May 18th, 1925.
Virginia—Richard Thomas Walker Duke, Jr., Past Grand Master, died March 8th, 1926.
Washington—Archibald Wanless Frater, Past Grand Master, died December 25th, 1925.
Wisconsin—Alvin Thomas Webb, Past Grand Master, died April 18th, 1926.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Fraternal relations between our Grand Lodge and the various Grand Jurisdictions with which we have maintained Masonic intercourse in the past, continue to be very helpful, harmonious and happy; and I am sure we all sincerely hope they will so continue in the future. We had the personal greetings of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, M.W. Bro. T. B. Elton, conveyed to our Grand Body by his personal representative V.W. Bro. Phelps, at the District Meeting of District No. 6 held at Estevan on Thursday, August 20th, 1925. We also had the greetings of the Grand Lodge of England extended to us by R.W. Bro. Col. J. Obed-Smith at the District Meeting held at Assiniboia on Friday, August 21st, 1925. These expressions of friendly and brotherly feeling and interest are to be highly valued and appreciated, indicating as they do the universality of the Craft, and the very important part it is playing in the minds and opinions of men throughout the entire world. On Thursday, September 24th, 1925, the officers and members of Shaunavon Lodge No. 110, under the able leadership of the D.G.M. R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, journeyed to Havre, Montana, to pay a fraternal visit to the lodges of that town, Havre Lodge No. 55 and Enterprise Lodge No. 134. R.W. Bro. Smith conveyed a message from myself as Grand Master to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, extending the fraternal greetings of this Grand Jurisdiction; and I am delighted to say this message was suitably acknowledged. These fraternal visits from one Grand Jurisdiction to another, apart from the local value to the lodges directly interested, should in my opinion, be greatly encouraged from a Grand Lodge point of view. We cannot in this age, disregard our brethren south of the International Boundary, and these visits cannot help but cement the members of our distinguished order more closely together than before.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was my pleasure during the year to issue a Commission to V.W. Bro. M. C. Moore as Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

I have also had the pleasure during the year of nominating the following brethren as Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge to fill vacancies caused by death, removal from the jurisdiction, resignation or non-attendance at Grand Lodge:

R.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

R.W. Bro. W. G. Blewett as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

R.W. Bro. J. A. Mooney as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The work of the District Meetings this year was carried on as in the past few years with much enthusiasm, especially in the Rural Districts. The Brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction have come to look upon these meetings as a very necessary institution. Every district with one exception was visited both by myself and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother W. B. Tate. It was a source of great regret to me that owing to poor train connection I was unable to reach Maple Creek District No. 11. The meetings this year were devoted particularly to the development of Masonic Research and Education and the instruction of Lodge Officers in the details of the routine business of the various lodges. M.W. Brother Tate had charge of this part of the meetings and much valuable instruction was given which should tend to further a greater co-ordination in the relations of the Grand Lodge Office and the subordinate lodges. The Brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction have evinced a very live interest in the work of the Masonic Research and Education Committee. This interest was a revelation to me; and the results must have been very gratifying to those members of the Committee who were present at some of the meetings and who, I am sure, must realize that their endeavors are in no small measure being appreciated.

The visit of the Grand Secretary to the various districts is looked upon as an annual event by many of the brethren throughout the province, and this would appear to traverse that constant contact between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, which is always necessary to the well-being and the success of the fraternity. There was much discussion in regard to the most suitable and convenient time at which these meetings should be held. It would appear that whatever time was decided upon could hardly be expected to satisfy everyone. This year the meetings commenced early in August and it was the hope of both the Grand Secretary and myself that we would be through the entire Jurisdiction before the Harvest Season arrived. Unfortunately for this plan, the Harvest came in unusually early and the later meetings were attended by many members only at considerable inconvenience. The large attendance at these gatherings, however, speaks well for the deep and wide spread interest taken by the Brethren in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft. At all these meetings the D.D.G.M. for the coming year was elected to be installed at this Communication. At these meetings I personally conferred the first degree and derived much pleasure from so doing.

At every District Meeting the Grand Lodge Officers were royally received and entertained. Every Masonic courtesy was extended to us, and we were received with the most kindly hospitality. This was much appreciated by myself and other officers of Grand Lodge; and I would bespeak the continuance of this fine fraternal spirit for future Grand Lodge Officers who may be fortunate enough to visit the various districts.

At each of these meetings I had the privilege of stressing the needs and requirements of the benevolent fund of this Grand Lodge, and I find a most ready response to my solicitations and a very active in-

terest being taken in this fund and its management by the members of the Craft. I fully anticipate that in the near future this fund will be large enough to take care of all calls that may be made upon it and thus attain more nearly to the ideal constantly before us—by being able to deal with every call upon our charity with true Masonic Benevolence.

The District Meetings were as follows:

District No. 7. The first District Meeting was held at North Battleford on the 3rd day of August, 1925, the Grand Secretary being present. The meeting was under the direction of R.W. Bro. S. G. Peters and the Officers of Lodge No. 31 were in charge. A very interesting paper was read by V.W. Bro. P. W. Farnsworth, also an address by R.W. Bro. S. G. Peters was given, and much appreciated.

District No. 1. This meeting was held on August 4th at Tisdale. Owing to the late train service the afternoon session was eliminated, but the full programme of work was put through in the evening. This meeting was conducted by R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay. This meeting held on the most easterly portion of the district was possibly the best attended meeting of the whole series. After the meeting, several very interesting and instructive addresses were given by M.W. Bro. Robert Young and R.W. Bros. O. D. Hill and M. A. MacKay.

District No. 13. This District Meeting was held at Macklin on August 6th under the direction of R.W. Bro. J. Dickson, D.D.G.M., and was well attended. The paper at this meeting was read by V.W. Bro. D. McKenzie.

District No. 12. The Meeting of this District was held at Zealandia, Friday, August 7th, with R.W. Bro. J. W. Burton, D.D.G.M. in charge. This meeting having been previously billed for Dinsmore, and having to be changed at the last moment, was not very well attended, but a very keen interest was taken in the proceedings by all present. V.W. Bro. J. C. Carter read the paper at this meeting.

District No. 5. This is my own District and the meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Saskatoon, on Monday August 10th, under the direction of R.W. Bro. F. B. Williams, D.D.G.M. There was quite a long discussion at this meeting regarding several phases of the work and the brethren appeared to be very desirous of getting all the information that was available. The attendance of this meeting was not very large; in fact it was rather disappointing so far as numbers were concerned.

District No. 16. From Saskatoon we journeyed down to Semans, where the District Meeting for this District was held on Tuesday, August 11th, under the supervision of R.W. Bro. A. G. McLean. A very successful meeting was held at this point and R. W. Bro. R. Stacey, D.D.G.M. delivered a paper which was appreciated by the brethren present.

District No. 10. This District Meeting was held at Lanigan, Wednesday August 12th under the direction of R.W. Bro. A. E. MacDonald, who delivered the paper at evening session.

District No. 15. On Thursday, August 13th, we journeyed to Humboldt, where the District Meeting for District No. 15 was held. R.W. Bro. W. G. Blewitt, D.D.G.M. was in charge. This meeting was a very enthusiastic one and the brethren at Humboldt were no exception to the rule regarding the Masonic hospitality and entertainment. V.W. Bro. O. F. Springer delivered a paper at this meeting, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. R.W. Bro. Blewitt also addressed the meeting.

District No. 4. From Humboldt we swung to the south of the province and the meeting for District No. 4 was held at Wolseley, Monday, August 17th, with a very good representation of brethren present. This meeting was in charge of R.W. Bro. J. A. Creary. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, D.G.M. and R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson, Chairman of the Masonic Research and Education Committee, who both delivered inspiring addresses. Also R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks delivered an address on the work of the Research and Education Committee.

District No. 8. This meeting was held Tuesday, August 18th at Kennedy, Sask. R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson again accompanied us. There was much discussion at this meeting regarding the advisability of holding the District Meetings in the month of August, but after a full explanation having been made by M.W. the Grand Secretary, the brethren realized that it was impossible to accommodate everyone in this connection. This meeting was under the direction of R.W. Bro. C. N. Syne, who along with R.W. Bro. Rawlinson gave a very interesting talk regarding various phases of the work.

District No. 2. This meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Regina, Wednesday, August 19th, there being a large number of Grand Lodge Officers present. R.W. Bro. H. H. Tubman, D.D.G.M. was in charge of this meeting. Among those present were R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, D.G.M., V.W. Bro. E. Cullum-Bird, R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, G.S.W. and R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson, together with several Past Grand Masters. This meeting was addressed by R.W. Bro. Smith, R.W. W. M. Martin, R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson and V.W. Bro. E. Cullum-Bird. I regret that in connection with this meeting the attendance was disappointing to those in charge of it.

District No. 6. Accompanied by R.W. W. J. Smith, D.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, G.S.W. and R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson, we proceeded to Estevan, where this district meeting was held, Thursday, August 20th under the direction of R.W. Bro. R. A. Lee. This was a very interesting and instructive meeting. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota sent his personal representative in the person of V.W. Bro. Phelps to convey the greetings of that Grand Jurisdiction to our own Grand Lodge. This act of courtesy was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

District No. 14. From Estevan we took train for Assiniboia and arrived there Friday, August 22nd, where the District Meeting for District No. 14 was held under the direction of R.W. Bro. G. H. Stephenson. At this meeting the order of business was reversed, the degree being worked in the afternoon session. We were fortunate to have with us at this time Col. J. Obed Smith, of London, Eng., who being in this country on business and hearing there was a district meeting to be held at Assiniboia, travelled all the way from Rosetown to attend this meeting, this being the only one he would have the opportunity to be present at. W. Bro. Smith is a very prominent member of the Craft in England and is grand representative of this Grand Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of England. He had a very special message to deliver to the brethren of District No. 14. We were indeed fortunate in having the privilege of listening to so talented a member of the Craft. I personally was very thankful to W. Bro. Smith for his kind consideration in putting himself to no small inconvenience in order to attend this meeting.

District No. 11. The next meeting was District 11, which was held at Maple Creek, Monday August 24th. I was unable to be present at this meeting, which was held under the direction of R.W. Bro.

T. D. Moase. R.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin, G.J.W. was present at this meeting and assisted very materially in making the meeting the success it was.

District No. 3. The meeting for District No. 3 was held at Tug-askie, Wednesday August 26th, under the direction of R.W. Bro. E. Kingsbury. Owing to the sultry afternoon the meeting was adjourned until the evening, when all the business schedule was transacted at that session. There was a very good attendance at this meeting and addresses were given by R.W. Bro. E. Kingsbury and R.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, which were appreciated by all present.

District No. 9. The last District Meeting, that of District No. 9 was held at Balcarres on Friday, August 28th, R.W. Brother J. K. Irwin accompanying the party. This meeting was held under the direction of R.W. Bro. J. A. Thompson, there also being present M.W. Bro. W. M. Thompson, Past Grand Master. This meeting was a great success and was largely attended. R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks and R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson both gave addresses regarding development along the lines of the Masonic education.

Finally my experiences regarding these district meetings is that they are of inestimable benefit to the members of the Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and the Brethren actively concerned derive very great interest and benefit from them. Moreover as one of the few available means of keeping Grand Lodge in direct contact and close touch with the local lodges and their officers, the District Meetings are eminently worthy of remaining part of the programme of Grand Lodge for all time to come.

It is especially desirable that the Grand Lodge Officers, together with the District Officers continue to perpetuate the personal connection and close understanding between those who have the administration of this Grand Jurisdiction and the entire membership of the Craft throughout Saskatchewan.

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION OF NEW LODGES.

The Constitution and Consecration of Kelvington Lodge No. 179 took place at Kelvington on Friday, August 14th, when a charter from this Grand Jurisdiction was delivered to them. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. G. Blewett, D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. Potts, V.W. Bro. G. J. Crawley and W. Bro. W. M. Thoden, and the D.D. G.M. elect, W. Bro. F. W. D. Thompson. The ceremony was conducted by myself, assisted by the above named brethren and a most enjoyable meeting was spent. The brethren of Kelvington Lodge who are quite a distance removed from their nearest Masonic neighbors have shown great enthusiasm in getting this lodge started and indeed it was a pleasing surprise to find that they are so well skilled in their work. I have every hope that this lodge will make splendid progress and become a credit not only to themselves, but to the entire Grand Jurisdiction. After the meeting was closed we were entertained with true Masonic hospitality, it being well on towards midnight before the meeting dispersed.

On Tuesday, August 25th, the Constitution and Consecration of Herbert Lodge No. 180 was proceeded with. On this occasion I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin, G.J.W., R. W. Bro. T. D. Moase, D.D.G.M., and several Past Grand Lodge Officers. This Lodge would appear to be particularly well equipped to carry on the work and the granting of this Charter should have a great influence on the members in this locality.

In this case after the ceremony was over we were once more treated to a banquet, which was well in keeping with Masonic traditions. I cannot but feel that in the Constituting and Consecrating of these two new lodges, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is to be congratulated as these lodges should open up new territory from which good Masonic material can be drawn, and from the influence of these lodges the community at large should be well served by our Grand Institution.

DEDICATION OF MASONIC TEMPLE AT DINSMORE

The dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Dinsmore took place on Wednesday, November 21st, 1925. I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. J. W. Burton, D.D.G.M., V.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, Grand Organist and R.W. Bro. G. W. Mogan, P.D.D.G.M. who all assisted in the ceremony. There was a splendid attendance at this meeting, both of the members of Dinston Lodge and visitors, almost every Lodge in this section of the country being represented. Grand Lodge was convened in the usual manner, and the ceremony went along very smoothly, and was appreciated by the brethren present. The Officers and Members of Dinston Lodge were the recipients of the very hearty congratulations from all present on this auspicious occasion, both on their interest in the Craft and their commendable foresight in erecting a home of their own for their future use. The building itself is a splendid one, and is well worthy of the traditions of the Craft, and should prove an impetus to further efforts on the part of the ambitious brethren of the District, that will reflect credit and honour on our Grand Lodge. I was doubly pleased at having the privilege of dedicating this hall, because I had the honour of instituting this lodge during my term of office as D.D.G.M. in 1917.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Several applications for dispensation of new lodges were received by me, and after due consideration, and being in receipt of advice from the various D.D.G.Ms. that in every case it was deemed advisable to grant these dispensations, the same were duly issued. I was personally present at two of these institution ceremonies, Emulation Lodge at Regina on Friday, January 29th, 1926, and Lucky Lake Lodge on Wednesday, March 10th, 1926. Emulation Lodge makes the seventh Masonic Lodge in the City of Regina, and I am sure that this Lodge is going to be one of the bright jewels in the crown of our Grand Lodge. At the Institution Meeting, Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bros. C. O. Davidson, A. S. Gorrell, W. B. Willoughby, W. B. Tate and D. A. Kingsbury were present, and their presence added a very dignified tone to the proceedings, which passed off exceedingly well. The brethren responsible for the formation of this new lodge are to be congratulated on the splendid efforts they are putting forth, and in the ideals they have set before the lodge of pursuing intensive Masonic study. Lucky Lake Lodge institution was a great event in that part of the country, and many lodges were represented. I was accompanied and assisted by R.W. Bro. J. W. Burton, D.D.G.M., W. Bro. F. James, D.D.G.M. elect and W. Bro. A. L. Davies. A very instructive and interesting meeting was held in connection with this institution, all present taking an active part in the proceedings. This lodge opens up a large territory to the southwest of Lucky Lake, and should develop into a very strong lodge.

The dispensations granted were as follows:

Tuberoose Lodge at Tuberoose, Lonach Lodge at Marsden; Nipawin Lodge at Nipawin; Osage Lodge at Osage; Loyalty Lodge at Ruddell; Emulation Lodge at Regina; Lucky Lake Lodge at Lucky Lake; Glenedyth Lodge at Climax.

VISITATIONS

It was my privilege and pleasure during the past year to visit a number of the subordinate lodges. I regret exceedingly that the time at my disposal was not sufficient to enable me to make more of these visits. I would like to mention more particularly my visit to Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 6 on Monday, April 12th, 1926, on the occasion of their Fortieth Anniversary. I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Col. A. C. Garner, and Bro. W. H. Ward, and we were royally received and entertained. The Lodge meeting was held in the afternoon and the banquet in the evening. This meeting honoured Bro. Wm. Henley, a Charter Member of the Lodge, and who has retained his membership since that time, and who along with his good wife were the recipients of remembrances of the occasion, Bro. Henley receiving a gold locket, and Mrs. Henley whose enforced absence through illness was much regretted, received a beautiful bouquet of roses. Qu'Appelle Lodge has given many members to this Grand Lodge who have achieved much distinction in the Craft, and we as Masons are deeply indebted to the hardy pioneers of Freemasonry who founded this and the other early lodges, thereby making our present Grand Lodge possible. This also applies to Kinistino Lodge No. 1 at Prince Albert, which I visited on Friday, April 30th, 1926, being accompanied by M.W. Bro. R. Young, P.G.M. A most enjoyable meeting was held on this occasion, and I had the honour of conferring the third degree. There was a large attendance of brethren present, including several Past Grand Lodge Officers. Freemasonry in the northern part of the province is extremely active at the present time. The other visits made were to lodges in different portions of the province, and I generally conferred a degree or took part in whatever ceremony was taking place.

MASONIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

You will have placed before you the report of the committee on Masonic Research and Education, and in consequence I will be very brief on this subject. I made one change in the personnel of this Committee in order to give the northern portion of the province representation on same, substituting W. Bro. C. L. Riach of Prince Albert in the place of R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks of Abernethy. This committee carried on under the able leadership of R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson, who was again elected Chairman, and it is my humble opinion that the work of this Committee has been much appreciated during the past year. In the cities of Regina and Moose Jaw, there are local committees working along the lines of Masonic Research and Education, and both these committees have been a splendid success. Unfortunately for myself I did not have the opportunity to visit Regina on the occasion of any of their meetings, but I had the privilege of presiding over a meeting of the Moose Jaw Committee at Moose Jaw on Friday, November 6th, 1925. This meeting was a huge success. M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, one of the pioneers of Freemasonry in this Western Country, gave a very interesting and inspiring address, and the

large number of brethren who were able to be present on this occasion could not fail to be impressed by the depth of Masonic knowledge of the speaker, whose sincerity and ability are a recognized fact in Masonic circles on the prairies. This gathering was a great intellectual treat, and greatly redounds to the credit and foresight of the brethren responsible for the meeting. The best interests of Freemasonry are bound to be served by the visits of distinguished brethren like M.W. Bro. Thornton, who are willing to place their vast knowledge and experience at the disposal of the Craft.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

During the year I approved of the By-laws of the following lodges: Quill Lake Lodge No. 169, Kelvington Lodge No. 179, Herbert Lodge No. 180.

A also approved of amendments to By-laws of the following lodges: Kinistino Lodge No. 1, Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 6, North West Mounted Police Lodge No. 11, Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16, Melfort Lodge No. 18, Heward Lodge No. 29, Davidson Lodge No. 33, Assiniboia Lodge No. 49, Craik Lodge No. 55, Melville Lodge No. 62, Wynyard Lodge No. 66, Doric Lodge No. 71, Abernethy Lodge No. 77, Kindersley Lodge No. 86, Wadena Lodge No. 87, Biggar Lodge No. 100, Gothic Lodge No. 105, Broderick Lodge No. 113, Ogema Lodge No. 120, Latomia Lodge No. 125, Ardath Lodge No. 132, Dunblane Lodge No. 148, Borden Lodge No. 158, Springside Lodge No. 159, Sharon Lodge No. 170, Memorial Lodge No. 172, Lakeview Lodge No. 173, St. Andrews Lodge No. 174.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

The list of Dispensations granted during the past year will be found in the Grand Secretary's report.

Borden Lodge No. 158 and St. Andrew's Lodge No. 174 applied for dispensations to accept petitions from applicants who are physically unfit, and who would be unable to comply with the requirements of our Ceremonials. These applications I had to refuse.

I refused to grant a dispensation to Govan Lodge No. 68 to reconsider the ballot that had been passed on an applicant to that Lodge. The ballot having been declared unfavourable, this decision should stand in accordance with the Constitution. The ballot is much too sacred in our organization to be tampered with, and re-opening a ballot after being declared would create a precedent and open up a very wide field for further requests for dispensation, which I consider is not in the best interests of our Order.

RULINGS.

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 applied for a ruling in connection with Section 66 Page 91 of the Constitution, which conflicted with section 57 of the Lodge By-laws. I ruled that the Constitution must govern, and would in this case over-rule their By-laws.

Tisdale Lodge No. 76 applied for a ruling with regard to a member who had been elected to the office of Warden, and who had not put in an attendance during the term, would this Brother be amongst the Brethren of this Lodge eligible for election to the Master's chair. In this case I ruled as follows: "Owing to the fact that the Brother elected and installed to the Warden's chair did not resign and evidently

no protest was put in to the Lodge by the members of the Lodge, I would rule that this Brother is eligible to be included amongst those Brethren qualified for election as Master." My attention was drawn to the fact that Davidson Lodge No. 33 were sending their Lodge Notices out in unsealed envelopes. In this connection I instructed the Grand Secretary to advise this Lodge that in future all Lodge notices must go out in sealed envelopes.

On the monthly notice of Corinthian Lodge No. 72 for March, among the items of business to be brought before the Lodge at this Meeting was: "The advisability of opening an Eastern Star Lodge will be discussed". Upon receipt of this notice I instructed the Grand Secretary to notify this lodge that such a question was not Masonic business and should not be brought before the Lodge as such. It is alright to assist the Eastern Star Chapters to organize, but this must take place outside the meetings of Masonic Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

LODGE NAME CHANGED

From Ardath Lodge, Conquest, to Conquest Lodge.

A notice of motion having been given in Ardath Lodge to change the name to Conquest Lodge, appeared on the notices for the next regular meeting, and was carried at said meeting and forwarded to me in the regular course for my approval. I was pleased to accede to the request of the Lodge and instructed the Grand Secretary to notify the Lodge to that effect and to have the necessary notation made on the Charter of the Lodge.

IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion brethren, let me exhort you to carry on the good work of Freemasonry in the future, with even greater zeal than you have done in the past. Let us carry the principles and teachings of our beloved Craft down through the years to come. We as Masons have a great mission to perform; we can do much to restore the equilibrium of the universe. It is our duty to do this, and further it is our individual duty to find for ourselves how best we can severally accomplish this end. Since the end of the great war, the civilized world has been more or less in a turmoil. Various schemes have been advanced by recognized authorities to ameliorate all difficulties and differences that have arisen, but in some respects we do not appear to be getting much closer to real solid, permanent peace. It is my opinion that we as Masons in the practice of our ideals throughout our daily life, and by the religious performance of our teachings and lessons can do much to solve the problems which have been so much before the public during the past years, and which problems are before us today. It is our duty as Masons to recognize the principal lesson of Freemasonry, The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; it is our Duty to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. That duty will cause the employee to render to the employer "the very best service for the expected reward." It will also make the employer consider the employee on the same basis as himself, and bind these two dominant factors of the world more closely together. Thus employer and employee will more nearly realize that peace and happiness in this life are far more valuable than riches. If this could be accomplished in the true sense of the word, most of the difficulties that beset our present age would vanish

and the influence that Freemasonry can give to this universe, would be what we all anticipate it eventually will be, the responsible means of finding "Peace, Perfect Peace" for each and every one of us. We as Masons have a great trust to fulfil; we are not confined to any one race, creed, or religion, we are universal. Because of this we can and must take our place in the world and carry forth our ideals and precepts always and become a leavening influence for good whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself, and, brethren, that opportunity is before us always. Let us be Masons in every sense of the word.

I am extremely thankful for the courtesies and kindnesses that have been extended to me during the past year, and I appreciate the untiring efforts of my many friends that have enabled me to carry on the strenuous duties of Grand Master, I have always endeavoured to do my duty to this Grand Jurisdiction, and I am particularly grateful to the Officers of Grand Lodge who have always been ready and willing to accede to my many requests and wishes, often at great inconvenience to themselves. I found in the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, a true friend, who has been of immense assistance to me, and who is in no small measure responsible for the progress that we, as the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, have made during the past year. Brethren I thank you from the innermost recesses of my heart for the confidence you placed in me one year ago, when you elected me to the office of your Grand Master, and I trust that as the years go by I shall be able to repay your kindness in some real tangible manner.

I find the words of Shakespeare rather appropriate for the past year:

My heart doth joy that in all my life
I met no man but he was true to me.

Finally, I have no hesitation in expressing the conviction that our Grand Lodge which is founded on true Masonic principles, will carry on and prosper down through the ages, until time shall be no more.

Fraternally submitted

GILBERT SWAIN,

Grand Master.

GREETINGS AND EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET

Letters and telegrams of greetings were read from Bro. the Right Rev. George Exton Lloyd, D.D., Bishop of Saskatchewan, M.W. Bro. J. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Manitoba, V.W. Bro. George E. Phelps, Fraternal Correspondent Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith, Grand Representative of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of England.

Letters and telegrams of greetings and regrets because of enforced absence were read from M.W. Bros. Senator W. B. Willoughby, George M. Weir, J. W. MacNeill, R.W. Bros. A. E. Macdonald, W. G. Blewett, G. W. Eismor, R. J. Hegan, W. R. McConnell, J. W. Attewell, W. R. Ridington and V.W. Bros. T. Skerratt and J. M. Singleton.

A letter was also read signed by the Secretaries of the four Constituent Lodges of the City of Moose Jaw on authority of resolutions

passed in each lodge extending a most cordial invitation to Grand Lodge to hold its next Annual Communication in the City of Moose Jaw.

On motion of M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate and J. McCauley it was resolved that the following telegram be sent to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, "The Grand Master and members of Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in session extend best wishes and greetings to the Grand Master and brethren of North Dakota in session and trust that your Communication may be successful in every way and that the mutual confidence and esteem entertained between these bodies may be a further stimulant to international good will".

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Masonic Districts read the following reports, which, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith and M.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson were referred to the Committee on Condition of Masonry.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District.

This District comprises 13 lodges. During my term of office I visited all the lodges at least once. At all points I found a deep interest being taken in the welfare of the Order. I find that the brethren feel that the lodge stands for far more than a meeting place. I find that a deep interest is being taken in Masonic Research. Many of the lodges are following very closely the outline laid down by the Committee on Masonic Education and Research. They are supplementing this by the preparation of papers, and the reading and discussion of the same. Others while not closely following the Masonic Research Committees programme are dealing in an educative way with problems and questions as they arise in the lodge.

Many of the lodges hold two meetings each month. At the regular meeting, after the business of the lodge is transacted, questions of Masonic Education and Research hold sway. At the emergent meetings degrees are conferred. Masonry in District Number One is becoming an enlightening force.

I find that the majority of the lodges are in possession of fairly adequate libraries; and better still, they are being made use of. The consensus of opinion throughout the district is that the Committee on Masonic Education and Research are doing a great and valuable work.

In all the lodges I have witnessed degrees being conferred. The work is being impressively done. Many young men are being admitted to the Order and I find that the character committees are fully realizing their responsibilities.

The District Meeting was held at Tisdale, on August 4th, last. The attendance was one hundred and twenty-three. Nine lodges were represented. This was a record attendance at a District Meeting in

this district. The M.W. the Grand Master Gilbert Swain, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate were present. The First Degree was conferred by the Grand Master in an impressive manner. The M.W. the Grand Master then addressed the meeting making a strong plea for the support of the Benevolent Fund. The Grand Secretary gave some useful advice in reference to the Clerical work. W. Bro. J. R. Graham, of Carrot River Lodge, Kinistino, was elected D.D.G.M. Following the meeting the brethren were entertained at a banquet, by the officers and members of Tisdale lodge. Interesting and inspiring addresses were given. Acting under instructions from the Grand Master, on October 16th, last, I instituted a Masonic Lodge at Nipawin. The lodge commenced its work under very favorable circumstances, and has since conducted its affairs well. I recommend that they be granted a Charter.

On the 7th of December last, R.W. Bro. William McGowan, one of the oldest and most respected Masons in District No. 1 was called to the Grand Lodge Above. Bro. McGowan, who was in his eightieth year was initiated into Masonry on January 4th, 1877. He was the first Master of Tisdale Lodge, and was D.D.G.M. for this district in 1919.

In concluding my report, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the brethren for their many acts of kindness and courtesy to me during my term of office.

Faternally submitted,

M. A. MACKAY, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District.

The District Meeting was held in the Regina Masonic Temple on August 18th. At the afternoon session discussion on secretarial and other lodge problems was very ably led by M.W. Bro. Tate and proved very instructive to all present. The Officers of the Regina Research Club outlined the work of that organization in Regina. This Club arranges two addresses each month to be given on Sunday afternoons. These meetings are well attended and are very beneficial to the craft. At the evening session M.W. Bro. Swain, assisted by the officers of King Hiram Lodge No. 104 conferred the first degree on an actual candidate. This work was done in an impressive manner and was instructive to all those present. Following this, able and thoughtful addresses were delivered by the M.W. the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Smith, the Deputy Grand Master, and V.W. Bro. Bird, the Grand Director of Ceremonies. W. Bro. A. A. Wilson, a Past Master of King Hiram Lodge, was elected as D.D.G.M. for the coming year.

The Grand Lodge Masonic Research Committee are to be complimented on their efforts in furnishing the lodges with material for research clubs to utilize. Those lodges that have taken advantage of this have found it very beneficial. However, there are some country lodges, that are not giving it the attention that they should. It should be impressed on the Masters of such lodges that they are neglecting one of the largest contributing factors in making their lodge a success.

The general condition of Masonry throughout District No. 2 is, on the whole very gratifying. During my official visits, when it was my pleasure to view the exemplification of the various degrees, I might say that it was done in a most satisfactory manner. The officers of the various lodges are keen and alive to their responsibilities. The majority of the lodges, city and country alike, have had plenty of work on the trestleboard during the winter months, attesting to the increased interest taken in the craft everywhere.

A dispensation was granted to Emulation Lodge in Regina. This Lodge was instituted on January 29th by M.W. Bro. Swain, the Grand Master. It was my pleasure to be present at this institution and also to officially visit this lodge since. The officers are very capable, the books are well kept and the number of outstanding Past Masters, who are among the charter members clearly indicates that Emulation Lodge will be an unqualified success. I strongly recommend that their application for a charter be granted at the present communication of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 2 for the honor conferred on me. I also wish, through this channel, to express my keenest appreciation of the many Masonic courtesies extended to me during official visits to the various lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. TUBMAN, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District.

This District comprises 14 Lodges. The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall at Tugaskie on August 26th, 1925, at 2.30 p.m. Ten Lodges in the District were represented, ninety-one members signed the register. The Grand Lodge Officers present were M.W. Bro. Gilbert Swain, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin, Grand Junior Warden; R.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, District Secretary, and R.W. Bro. N. R. Craig. Owing to the extreme heat in the Lodge room, the Grand Master adjourned the meeting until seven in the evening.

The evening meeting was called to order by the Grand Master at seven p.m. and Mr. Roland Leslie Ruffitt, a candidate of St. George Lodge No. 136, was duly initiated by the M.W. the Grand Master assisted by the officers of Tugaskie Lodge No. 78. W. Bro. Robert Wilson was elected to the office of D.D.G.M.

Most inspiring and instructive addresses were given by the M.W. the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate Grand Secretary and were very much appreciated by all the brethren present. I wish to extend the thanks of the whole district to the officers and brethren of Tugaskie Lodge No. 78 for the manner in which they received and entertained the brethren.

I had the pleasure of visiting each Lodge in the District once, and found the work very uniform, and was delighted with the enthusiasm that was manifest in every lodge. The officers aim at a high standard in their work, and feel that Masonry in District No. 3 is in a healthy condition, and is making favorable progress.

I made a point at every meeting, to bring up the question of arrears, and to stress the necessity of regular and prompt payment of dues

In regard to Masonic Education and Research, all lodges realize the necessity and value of the same and are thoroughly interested in it and fully appreciate the circulars sent out by the Research Committee. I would specially emphasize however that members in each Lodge apply themselves more diligently to Masonic Study and thus have a more intelligent understanding or knowledge of Masonry.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking R.W. Bro. A. E. Armstrong, R.W. Bro. J. A. Anderson and R.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke for their kindly assistance at different meetings.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 3 for the great honor conferred on me and for the kindness and courtesy shown me by the officers and brethren of every lodge in the District

Fraternally submitted,

E. KINGSBURY, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand

Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District. It has been my pleasure to have visited each lodge in District No. 4, once during my term of office, and believe that Masonry is in a fairly healthy condition. True in some lodges the attendance could be larger, but on the occasion of my visit to the different lodges we had a very good turnout of members. The real spirit for Research work is in almost every lodge and many of them are actively engaged in it; others have just nicely started, but all are doing something. I have seen quite a number of degrees put on and must say the work was very thorough.

The district meeting held at Wolseley, August 7th, 1925, was very well attended. Much useful information was learned at the Round Table Conference and from M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate in his timely criticism and fund of information.

The principal event was the conferring of the First Degree on an actual candidate by the M.W. the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address was listened to with the greatest interest and also the other addresses which followed.

I wish to thank the officers and members of Wolseley Lodge No. 4 for the efficient manner in which they carried out the arrangement which contributed so much to a successful district meeting.

In conclusion I wish to express to the Brethren of the District my sincere appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my visits and to R.W. Bro. Tate for his help and advice.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. CREANY, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herein a report of my stewardship as D.D.G.M. of District No. 5 for the year just past. The district meeting was held at Saskatoon on August the 10th and was very well attended, all the lodges being represented except one. The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion by the masters of the several lodges of the best means of carrying on the work of an educational and research program, and the results attained; also a round table conference on lodge problems in general. At the evening session the first degree was conferred by the M.W. the Grand Master, who also delivered an instructive and enlightening address which was very much appreciated, after which the district meeting was entertained at a banquet by the city lodges.

District No. 5 consists of 15 lodges, all of which I visited once and some of them several times. In all of my visits I was received in the most cordial manner possible and every where I was impressed with the evident desire of the lodges to make Masonry a real element in the building up of the moral fiber of this young Canada of ours. The work done by almost all of the lodges was of a very high order, and bespoke a deep interest and much attention. The many questions asked manifested a keen interest as well in the educational and research side of Masonry.

There also seemed to be a widespread idea that we as an institution are not doing enough along the lines of fraternal assistance, and that gratuitous contributions are not always the most satisfactory and fairest way of raising money. I would therefore recommend that the dues collected from lodges for benevolent purposes, be increased from 20 cents to fifty cents per half year.

In general I consider the condition of Masonry in District No. 5 as being in first class shape, progressive and progressing, and in conclusion I wish to thank those brethren who so generously and kindly gave me the opportunity of being of some service in the cause of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

F. B. WILLIAMS, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District.

This District comprises 12 Lodges. In making out this report for District No. 6 it makes the third consecutive report I have submitted to you and it was owing to the very sudden and unexpected death of my successor R.W. Bro. Lee that I had to take over the duties of the office again.

In the passing of Bro. Lee this district has suffered a very serious loss as he was an enthusiastic Mason active in his duties and always genial in his disposition.

Before proceeding I would like to again convey to the brethren in this district my sincere thanks for the kind courteous and truly Masonic manner in which they received me and that my only regret is that I did not have more time to spend with them.

I feel that this year the Lodges show considerable improvement in every respect; the work is receiving more attention and the officers are getting it down to a more uniform and higher standard.

Attendance still shows an improvement and I attribute this to the more entertaining and instructive side of Masonry namely Masonic Study and Research. It was with pleasure I listened to several very capable papers, and the careful and useful discussions which followed assure me that as the lodges take it up more and learn more about the hidden mysteries of nature and science it will instill a more active Masonic spirit in them and make the evenings spent in the Lodge Room more valuable to them.

I would again suggest that the monthly paper issued by the Masonic Study and Research Board be sent to every Lodge with instructions that it will be read at the first meeting after receipt.

There are still one or two lodges in arrears with their Benevolent Fund Assessments but these are having the best attention they can give them.

The District Meeting was held in Estevan in the Masonic Temple on 20th August, 1925. The Grand Lodge Officers present were the M.W. the Grand Master Bro. Swain, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, D.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, G.S.W. and R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Study and Research.

As is usual at District Meetings in Estevan a large number of our Brethren from the Jurisdiction of North Dakota were present including Bro. Geo. W. Phelps, who represented the Grand Master of North Dakota and who received a truly Masonic welcome from our Grand Master.

There were ten Lodges in the District represented, and from the instructive addresses from the Grand Lodge officers and others the meeting proved to be one of true value to all present.

In reiterating my remarks of last year I feel that it is the duty of every lodge to be represented at these District meetings and while there are many reasons to be taken into consideration for it being otherwise, yet when you consider the individual membership of each lodge surely at least two or three should be able to put in an appearance once a year.

Before closing I would again suggest a revision of the District Deputy's report form; I also wish to say that I am more than ever convinced that the duties of a District Deputy are getting to be of such importance to the craft that it will very soon require the office to be filled with capable brethren who are well skilled in Masonic Research work and who can spend more time than one term in office.

In conclusion I can only repeat my former words of thanks to the Brethren and say that during the past three years I have learned something that I will never forget and that I made many truly Masonic friends.

Fraternally submitted,

D. BANNATYNE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District. There are eight constituted lodges in this district and two lodges working under Dispensations. The latter were instituted at Marsden, October 15th, 1925 and at Ruddell, December 10th, 1925. Lonach Lodge at Marsden is making good progress, the officers are proficient in their duties and are able to confer all degrees in a very satisfactory manner. They are taking in very good material and prospects are exceptionally good. This lodge is applying for their charter and I have no hesitation in recommending that same be granted. Loyalty Lodge at Ruddell is making fair progress but has really not been in operation long enough to more than get nicely started. The Officers handle their work very capably but up to the date of my last visit (May 6th, '26) had only taken in one candidate and conferred the First Degree only.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, North Battleford, Monday August 3rd, 1925 and the attendance was very satisfactory. At the evening session the M.W. the Grand Master Bro. Swain conferred the First Degree on a candidate from Landmark Lodge. The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Tate was also present at the meeting and gave assistance and advice on the many subjects raised by the Brethren present.

In my official capacity I have visited all lodges in this District at least once during 1926 and I am pleased to report that I found Masonry in a very favorable condition throughout the District. Most of the lodges are giving as much time as possible to Masonic Study and Research Work; and in this connection I wish to commend the work carried out by the Grand Lodge Masonic Education and Research Committee whose efforts have been greatly appreciated by all Lodges in the District.

The value of the District Meetings cannot be stressed too much. The Brethren all over the District look forward to them as the most satisfactory means of checking up their work and promoting their Masonic knowledge. Everything possible should be done to make these Meetings interesting and profitable to the Brethren and careful consideration should be given to the question of time and place where the District Meeting should be held so as to make it possible for all lodges to be fully represented.

According to the report there is only one lodge in the District that has made a voluntary contribution to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. The subject has been carefully brought to the attention of all lodges on the occasion of my official visit and the Brethren are well disposed towards helping this Fund to the best of their ability and the present year will no doubt show better results.

Fraternally submitted,

S. G. PETERS, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighth Masonic District.

This District now comprises Eleven Lodges, dispensation having been granted to Osage Lodge last October after I had inspected and reported on the matter. Unfortunately I was not able to be present at the institution and had to rely on the kindly offices of R.W. Bro. Robinson of Francis to perform this duty.

District Meeting was held at Kennedy on August 18th, and was attended by the M.W. Grand Master, Gilbert Swain, the Grand Secretary, W. B. Tate and R.W. Bro. Rawlinson, and nearly all the lodges were represented. During the afternoon session the Grand Master, assisted by the officers of Wawota Lodge, No. 150, exemplified the First Degree and the Grand Secretary gave sundry explanations and much good advice.

Masonry generally is in a very healthy state throughout the district though a few lodges are not growing as they should do. Masonic study is still conducted in a very haphazard fashion. At every lodge I found a number of Brethren much interested in the subject and just waiting for a lead to be given them and I trust the officers will see that this matter is given more attention along the lines indicated.

A special visit was made to Maryfield Lodge on the occasion of a visit from R.W. Bro. Gibson, D.D.G.M. District No. 7, Manitoba, and a number of the Brethren from Lebanon Lodge, Virden, Man. The Second Degree was exemplified by both the Manitoba and Saskatchewan officers and a really enjoyable evening was spent.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation of the most courteous treatment and generous support given to me by all the Brethren in the District during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

C. N. SYME, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District.

This District comprises nine lodges. The district meeting was held at Balcarres on Friday, August 29th, and was very well attended, especially the evening session. Seven out of the nine lodges in the district were represented. The Grand Lodge Officers present being the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. Latimer, together with M.W. Bro. Thomson, P.G.M. and R.W. Bro. Brooks and R.W. Bro. Rawlinson. The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion on Masonic study, led by the Grand Secretary, who also gave a very instructive talk on Secretarial and other lodge problems. The evening session was presided over by the Grand Master; the first business being the election of the D.D.G.M. and which resulted in the election of W. Bro. Reid of Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 4. This was followed by an exemplification of the First Degree by the Grand Master assisted by officers from the various lodges in the District. At the close of the session a splendid banquet was served by the members of Nanatah Lodge.

Owing to business reasons I was only able to visit most lodges once during my term of office. I was everywhere received with kindness and courtesy. I found all lodges to be in a healthy condition;

everyone is making some progress. The material being admitted would appear to be of a class that will ultimately bring honor to the Craft.

I found among many of the members a very earnest desire to make Masonry a real live force in their community. With this end in view a number of the lodges are considering undertaking some charitable work whereby they can put into practice the principles of "Charity toward all men". I found Masonic study was being taken up very earnestly in many lodges and good results being obtained. There are still a few lodges where this work is not given the attention that it merits. It would appear that the lodges doing the most in this way are the lodges which appear to be making the most all round progress.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 9 for the honor conferred on me by electing me as their D.D.G.M. and I shall ever recall with pleasure my visits to the various lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. THOMPSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Tenth Maasonic District.

This District comprises 10 lodges. The District Meeting was held at Lanigan on August 12th, 1925 and was honoured by the attendance of the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. There were about sixty-five brethren present, representing only six lodges. The Grand Secretary addressed the meeting at some length with reference to errors and omissions of Lodge Secretaries, and made suggestions for improvement in the carrying out of secretarial duties. The Grand Secretary spoke later on the urgent need of Masonic study by the Brethren. At the evening session the First Degree was exemplified by the M.W. the Grand Master, assisted by members of Lanigan Lodge. W. Bro. Brand of Wynyard Lodge No. 66 was elected as D.D.G.M. of District No. 10 for 1926-27. The M.W. the Grand Master then delivered an inspiring address on "The High Ideals of Masonry" and also spoke on the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

The condition of Masonry in this District, on the whole, is good. A majority of the Lodges show an interest and enthusiasm which speaks well for the future. Three or four of the Lodges appear to be in a period of depression, due more or less to adverse crop and financial conditions of the past few years. I believe, however that with a little more of the get together spirit, an increase amongst the brethren of their interest in one another, and with a fuller realization by each member of his personal responsibility for the welfare of his lodge, it will only be a short time before these lodges show marked improvement.

There is a deplorable increase over last year in the arrears of dues. This also is due, in some measure to the financial conditions which obtain in a large portion of this District, and also to a desire on the part of the Lodge not to be too harsh on the delinquent brother under these circumstances. Great care, however should be taken to judge each case on its own individual merits and avoid undue len-

iciency towards those whose delinquency is mainly due to carelessness and neglect.

In the matter of Masonic study the majority of the Lodges appear to follow no definite plan or system, and are not deriving the benefits from this source that they should.

I visited every Lodge in the District with the exception of Elfros, which I regret I was unable to visit on the date arranged. However, R.W. Bro. McKim of Elfros, at my request, kindly reported on this Lodge.

I found the Officers in all the lodges capable, and the work was generally uniform and well put on. The books and records of the various lodges are all well kept and up-to-date. Only one lodge has a local relief fund. Exchange of visits are general where distance permits.

I would recommend that District Meetings be confined to the central portion of the District to make them accessible to a greater number of members. When these meetings are held at the extreme points many of the brethren are deprived of the privilege of attending owing to the distance which entails a two day's trip generally at harvest time.

In conclusion I desire to express to the Brethren of District No. 10 my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me and thank them most heartily for the consideration and courtesy extended to me on my official visits. I can assure them that to myself at least, it has been a period of profit and pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. MACDONALD, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eleventh Masonic District.

This District comprises Eleven Lodges. The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Home of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 9 at Maple Creek on August 24th, 1925, and was presided over by the Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Tate.

The afternoon session was devoted to Research Work and many good papers were read and some real ideas brought out.

The evening session was taken up by Officers of various lodges in the District conferring the First Degree on a candidate from Cypress Lodge No. 70, and the election of W. Bro. C. G. Kearns of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 9 as the next D.D.G.M. for District No. 11.

Masonry in the district is very active and I believe this year (1926) will see some real progress.

Fraternally submitted,

T. D. MOASE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District.

This District comprises 13 Lodges. I am pleased to report a general improvement in all Masonic work. Considerable interest is being taken in the Research papers, and nearly every Lodge has a library of some kind, and the papers and talks that have been given during the last year have created a wonderful interest among the members. While the average attendance has not been large, it is due to so many of the brethren living in the country, and not being able to attend during the winter months.

I am glad to report that two new lodges have been instituted in District No. 12 during my term of office, and both are coming along fine.

The District Meeting was held at Zealandia on August 7th, and all Lodges represented except one. This meeting had been set for Dinston Lodge but owing to their Temple not being completed, at the eleventh hour it had to be changed to Zealandia. This meeting was very well attended considering it was right in harvest. The M.W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary were present and gave some very interesting talks and instruction on Masonry, and I am pleased to report that this meeting was of great benefit to the Craft.

W. Bro. James, D.D.G.M. elect visited every lodge in the District with me this spring, and we have had some very interesting meetings. We find the work very uniform, and I congratulate District 12 on their selection of my successor.

Finally I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesies shown me by the brethren of the Twelfth Masonic District during my term of office.

Faternally submitted,

J. W. BURTON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Thirteenth Masonic District.

Masonry in this District has shown considerable progress since last year. Lodges are all active, arrears have been reduced over \$700.00, and prospects are very promising. The financial standing of the various lodges is good. The attendance at some of the larger lodges could be improved.

In some lodges a great deal of interest is being taken in Masonic Research. I consider the circulars on Research sent out by the Grand Lodge very beneficial, and in nearly all the lodges, committees on Masonic Research have been appointed.

The Annual Meeting of District No. 13 was held at Macklin, on Thursday, August 6th, 1925, at which the M.W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, and V.W. Bro. McKenzie,

Grand Steward, were present. The attendance was very good considering that it was at the extreme west of the district. The M.W. the Grand Master, assisted by the Officers of Unity Lodge No. 73 conferred the First degree on Henry Spencer Culham, an applicant to Kerobert Lodge. A round table conference was held on Masonic Research throughout the lodges and was conducted by the Grand Secretary. This created considerable interest. V.W. Bro. McKenzie gave a brief and interesting address on the real meaning of Masonry. W. Bro. Swallow of Meridian Lodge, was elected D.D.G.M. to be installed at Grand Lodge in June 1926.

I had the pleasure during my term of office of having the M.W. the Grand Master make two official visits to lodges in my district, namely Unity No. 73 and Harmony No. 75. Both meetings were very interesting and were of considerable benefit to all present.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of District No. 13 for the honour of electing me their District Deputy, and also for the many kindnesses extended to me on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES DICKSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourteenth Masonic District.

The District comprises 13 lodges, and I am glad to report a splendid Masonic Spirit prevailing, and that Masonry is making satisfactory progress in all the lodges.

I find most of the lodges in the district are actively taking up Research work and that the efforts of the Grand Lodge Research Committee are very much appreciated.

The District meeting was held at Assiniboia, August 21, 1925, there was a good attendance despite the fact that the harvesting season kept away many brethren who otherwise would have attended.

The brethren present greatly appreciated the First Degree put on by the M.W. the Grand Master, also the addresses by R.W. Bro. Rawlinson on Masonic Study and Research, R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith (of London, England), M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary and R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith.

The brethren also appreciated the splendid efforts of St. John's Lodge, Assiniboia in providing for the comfort of the visiting members.

W. Bro. C. C. Shattuck of Mossbank was elected D.D.G.M. for the coming year.

In conclusion I wish to heartily thank the Brethren of District No. 14 for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my term of office and to assure them I will always cherish the kindly memories of the year I have been privileged to serve them as their D.D.G.M.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. STEPHENSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifteenth Masonic District.

This District comprises 11 lodges. I regret being unable to visit Quill Lake Lodge to date but intend doing so before Grand Lodge meets next month.

Although the greater part of the population in this District is foreign born there is splendid progress being made; increased activity is shown everywhere, more real fraternity is evinced and prospects are bright for Masonic advancement. The study and discussion of the Masonic Research Committee's papers has increased and much interest is taken in all the lodges in the district with good results.

I was exceedingly pleased at Preeceville lodge to meet again R.W. Bro. McMurphy, P.D.D.G.M. District No. 15, who although over 90 years of age, still takes the same earnest and active interest in Masonic work.

Buchanan Lodge has purchased a new Lodge Room and wish to have it dedicated and I would recommend that this be done, if possible, at the time of the next District Meeting.

Preeceville Lodge requested that the next District Meeting be held at Preeceville. They have a large Town Hall, which could be used as well as a nice Lodge Hall and as District Meeting has never been held on the North Line I would be pleased to see their request granted.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. BLEWETT, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.,

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixteenth Masonic District. This District is comprised of 9 lodges. District meeting was held at Semans, in August 1925. Eight lodges were represented. The attendance was good, and great interest was taken in the proceedings. The meeting was called for 3 p.m. and after the general business was transacted the Grand Master exemplified the First Degree. The District Deputy Grand Master was elected at this meeting.

The address of the Grand Master was very attentively listened to and was very interesting.

All lodges in this District were visited once. The work in each lodge is well put on. All officers know their work. Each lodge is taking up Research work, and the brethren seem interested in this very important work.

It is my desire to express my thanks for the way I was received at each lodge, and the hearty welcome I received made each visit very pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. McLEAN, D.D.G.M.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES BY DISTRICTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

Lodge	DISTRICT NO. 1										Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	Condition of Lodge	Prospects	D.O. Vails	Dues Lodge
	No. Meetings Held Regular	No. Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance	Am't. Paid for Local Relief	Contributions to G.L.B.F. not inc. Levy	Members 12 Mo. in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand									
Kinistino	1	10	12	25	\$ 39.67	\$ 75.50	\$ 411.00	\$ 674.09	\$ 4,718.48	\$			\$ 4,000.00	A	G	1	No
Duck Lake	13	6	1	8	50.00	9	186.00	125.50	1,361.50		60.00		500.00	F	F	1	No
Melfort	18	13	3	24	215.00	19	190.00	278.35	2,068.35				625.00	A	G	1	No
Rosethorn	22	12	1	16		4	119.00	686.44	1,405.44				450.00	A	G	1	No
Prince Albert	63	10	9	23		14	535.10	239.84	4,274.44				5,000.00	A	G	1	No
Carrot River	69	12	2	18		11	110.00	82.42	2,192.42				1,500.00	A	G	1	No
Tisdale	76	13	11	20		13	104.00	2,388.07	2,892.07				425.00	A	G	1	No
Birch Hills	127	14	2	17		12	195.00	116.93	811.93		27.71		200.00	A	G	1	Yes
Star City	152	13	4	20	220.00	7	80.00	113.84	5,193.84				3,000.00	A	G	1	Yes
Blaine Lake	153	12	5	15		6	229.85	35.26	728.21		251.00		450.00	A	G	1	No
Wakaw	166	11	0	10		9	121.50	330.04	896.54		140.00		400.00	A	F	1	No
Shellbrook	171	11	5	15		2	65.00	25.31	890.31				500.00	A	G	1	No
Nipawin (x)	183	9	1	15				120.00	320.00				200.00	A	G	2	No
(x)—Statistics for Nipawin Lodge 183 are compiled from institution to April 30, 1926.																	
DISTRICT NO. 2.																	
Wascana	2	12	13	64	40.00	53	1,314.25	1,909.64	18,720.24		8,152.37			A	G	1	No
N.W.M.P.	11	12	10	40	35.00	23	909.20	1,454.82	10,301.27		5,248.02		250.00	A	G	1	No
Golden Rule	32	12	1				800.00	20.00	500.00					F	F	1	No
Rouleau	40	13	23		194.65	3	15.00	133.82	3,633.47		690.00		3,500.00	A	G	13	Yes
Drinkwater	41	13	2	21		28	270.00	306.14	500.00					A	G	1	No
Assiniboia	49	12	12	37	10.00	62	951.00	385.37	12,197.36		4,696.96			A	G	1	No
Corinthian	72	12	1	21		14	176.00	132.38	900.00				800.00	A	F	1	No
Acacia	101	12	2	25	15.00	3	34.00	254.00	200.00					A	G	1	No

King Hiram ..	104	12	9	406	72.00	58	454.50	74.70	9,042.75	79.96	300.00	A	G	I	No
Long Lake ..	108	10	4	16	135.00	24	55.00	68.73	4,400.00	320.00	2,000.00	A	G	I	Yes
Banner ..	154	10	11	55	135.00	12.60	192.00	15,532.14	612.06	5,316.00	250.00	A	G	I	No
Milestone ..	164	12	3	12	135.85	20	50.00	154.06	3,988.82	75.99	350.00	F	I	No	No
St. Andrews ..	174	12	3	33	135.85	20	181.50	1,101.80	37.04	2,007.64	350.00	A	G	I	No
Gray ..	176	12	8	14.5	135.85	20	16.00	662.27	1,241.46	733.69	1,500.00	A	G	I	Yes
Emulation ..	186	3	42						875.37		200.00	A	G	2	No
DISTRICT NO. 3.															
Moose Jaw ..	3	12	12	49	325.00	11	164.00	2,772.75	63,115.07	653.00	Insured	A	G	I	Yes
Caron ..	42	10	3	18	325.00	1	20.00	185.51	1,300.00			A	G	I	No
Elbow View ..	56	11	11			10	280.00	442.71	1,630.20	380.00	650.00	A	G	I	No
Eyebrow ..	67	11	1	12	270.00	11	126.00	.50	2,700.00	463.30	2,000.00	A	G	I	Yes
Doric ..	71	10	9	34	270.00	8	283.15	340.90	3,386.97		350.00	A	G	I	No
Tugaske ..	78	13	1	23	52.00	26	234.00	607.48	900.00	1,800.00	550.00	A	G	I	No
Briercrest ..	88	13	2	13	160.00	8	103.00	953.74	2,300.00		2,000.00	A	G	I	Yes
Mortlach ..	107	12	2	17	160.00	20	370.00	993.97	1,025.00		525.00	A	G	I	No
Central Butte ..	114	14	2	20	35.00	9	72.00	808.67	672.00	699.75	450.00	A	G	I	No
St. George ..	136	10	8	43	55.00	90	1,152.50	944.16	2,501.91		400.00	A	G	I	No
Riverhurst ..	139	13	3	14	75.00	4	80.00	1,027.00	500.00	2,100.00	500.00	A	G	I	No
Hawarden ..	143	11	1	12	75.00	3	40.00	163.76	2,525.00	75.00	2,500.00	A	G	I	Yes
Avonlea ..	156	12	18	16	59.00	3	50.00	422.93	500.00	353.75	300.00	A	G	I	No
Memorial ..	172	11	9	26		2	43.25	794.65	291.30		1,000.00	A	G	I	No
DISTRICT NO. 4.															
Indian Head ..	5	12	2	20	20.00	3	42.00	300.00	700.00		500.00	A	G	I	No
Qu'Appelle ..	6	13	3	24	59.00	5	45.00	131.22	3,400.00	803.05	2,500.00	A	G	I	Yes
Moosomin ..	7	13	4	20	53.00	40.00	438.25	475.00	2,450.00		1,220.00	A	G	I	No
Ashlar ..	8	14	2	13	179.50	25.00	76.50	66.71	1,869.21	350.00	1,200.00	A	G	I	Yes
Evening Star ..	10	9	12			20	363.00	175.00	750.00		500.00	A	G	I	No
Santaluta ..	14	12	3	24	40.00	4	316.00	169.50			1,200.00	A	G	I	No
Woleley ..	24	12	1	15	75.00	10	110.00	265.77			550.00	A	G	I	No
Wapella ..	37	10	4	16	15.00	76.25	321.00	210.01	321.00			A	G	I	No
Ekapo ..	38	13	2	12		11	76.00	628.42	900.00			A	G	I	No

Lodge	No. Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance	Am't. Paid for Local Relief	Contributions to G.L.B.F. not inc. levy	Members 12 Mo. in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	Condition of Lodge	Prospects	D.D.C.M. Visits	Does Lodge Own Hall?	
DISTRICT NO. 5.																
Saskatchewan.	16	12	17	39	69.00	700.00	18	841.00	224.54	6,240.54	181.00	400.00	A	G	2	Yes
Hanley	28	11	3	13.3	16.00		7	156.00	274.96	800.00	50.00	830.00	A	F	2	No
Davidson	33	13	1	23.8	180.00		1	14.00	205.58	2,086.18		500.00	A	G	1	No
Inghem	43	11	2	13.8			2	139.85	94.24	400.00		300.00	F	F	1	No
Craik	55	11	6	24			5	40.00	149.53	3,742.23	342.15	250.00	A	G	1	Yes
Imperial	60	10	18	34	244.25		106	1,813.50	760.23	7,393.73		300.00	A	G	3	Yes
Twin City	89	12	9	16.1	67.60	293.40	15	124.00	269.90	500.00		500.00	A	F	2	No
Lodge Progress	92	13	20	32	200.00		56	680.15	376.03	3,918.54	1,350.00	300.00	A	G	2	Yes
Evergreen	95	11	14		57.42		17	275.85	284.49	1,500.00	25.00	1,000.00	F	F	1	Yes
Goose Lake	99	11	2	16.6		50.00	1	8.00	1,289.67	1,289.67		200.00	F	F	1	No
Dundurn	117	10	3	15.6			12	246.00	315.03	300.00		300.00	A	G	2	Yes
Victory	144	10	12	28.5	52.00		14	161.00	555.56	1,593.41	262.48	400.00	F	F	1	No
Asquith	146	12	10	18.1			2	60.00	175.00	600.00		500.00	A	G	2	No
Elstow	147	9	3	23			8	240.00	352.14	750.00		250.00	F	F	1	No
Lakeview	173	12	1	12				193.05	543.05							
DISTRICT NO. 6.																
Amity	15	12	10	19		70.00	11	102.00	392.00	1,000.00		500.00	A	G	1	No
Weyburn	20	11	3	34	275.00		56	1,156.00	675.00	1,000.00		1,200.00	A	G	1	Yes
Estevan	25	12	3	24			24	208.00	880.00	1,541.00	32.00	700.00	A	G	1	No
Alameda	27	9					13	158.00	281.00	475.00		250.00	F	G	2	No
Lang.	34	10	18		8.00		3	160.00	240.00	2,905.00		1,800.00	A	G	1	Yes
Boncurvia	39	13	4	17			2	40.00	52.00	643.00	36.00	300.00	A	G	1	No
Golden Fleece	50	10	11				17	275.00	28.00	428.00	160.00	100.00	F	G	1	No

Border	52	10	11	11	25.00	20.00	1	43.00	254.00	500.00	A	G	1	No	
Yellow Grass	96	11	15	15	35.00		2	20.00	148.00	385.00	200.00	A	G	1	No
Ceylon	116	10	1	12			8	48.00	50.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	A	G	1	Yes
Latonia	125	11	3	17			23	255.00	314.00	3,500.00	10,000.00	A	G	1	Yes
Radville	175	12	4	15					77.00	425.00	300.00	A	G	1	No

(x) — Weyburn and Latonia Assets include 1-3 share of building and 1-3 insurance.

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DISTRICT NO. 7.

Battle	19	11	5	30	125.00		21	224.00	420.81	1,000.00	600.00	A	G	3	No
Britannia	23	11	5	24			8	51.00	1,532.56	350.00	550.00	A	G	1	No
Ionic	31	11	6	24	275.70		26	357.00	498.76	2,094.00	641.41	A	G	1	No
Landmark	44	15	1	22			16	186.00	9.82	1,274.00	300.00	A	G	1	No
Radisson	97	11	1	16			12	174.00	655.88	500.00	200.00	G	F	1	No
Tyrian	137	13	10	4			9	110.00	315.65	575.00	100.00	A	F	1	No
Borden	158	12	2	26	37.45		5	68.00	150.00	3,000.00	1,400.00	A	G	1	Yes
Cut Knife	160	13	1	12			10	247.50	451.69	325.00	200.00	A	F	1	No
Lonach	182	4		10					105.00	300.00	250.00	A	G	2	No
Loyalty	185	2		9								F	F	3	No

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Carlisle	17	11		15			438.50	9	116.00	40.50	1,400.00	450.00	A	G	1	No
Arcola	21	8	6	16	140.00		100.00	26	374.00	171.36	600.00	300.00	A	G	1	No
Heward	29	12	14		50.00			12	113.00	643.78	1,175.00	300.00	A	F	1	No
New Hope	30	12	4	17			75.00	21	72.00	508.00	708.00	200.00	A	G	1	No
Bruce	36	10	2	17						371.68	1,770.00	300.00	A	G	1	No
Connaught	80	12	12				15.50	7	100.00	311.15	500.00		F	F	1	No
Maryfield	94	12	6	16	380.00		31.60	10	90.00	367.90	400.00	300.00	A	G	2	No
Composite	103	13	1	19	36.35			9	96.00	467.54	749.10	450.00	A	G	1	No
Wawota	150	10	4	14			43.00	5	192.00	118.15	657.00	400.00	A	G	2	No
Fillmore	163	10	12					1	21.75	3.70	400.00	250.00	F	F	1	No
Ossage	184	3	1	12						204.55	299.00		G	G	1	No

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Lodge	No.	Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance	Am't. Paid for Local Relief	Contributions to G.L.B.F. not inc. levy	Members 12	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	Condition of Lodge	No. Visits D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge Own Hall?
Qu'Appelle Valley.....	4	13	16	89.40	45.00	7	84.00	563.75	845.00	96.80	2,500.00	A	G	1	Yes
Cupar.....	47	8	3	13		15	190.00	343.42	3,190.00	151.17	2,800.00	A	G	1	Yes
Grayson.....	48	9	10	26.00		5	107.50	581.20	986.20		300.00	F	F	1	No
Nanatah.....	53	12	2	20		10	188.00	403.02	1,666.00		225.00	A	G	1	No
Rocanville.....	61	9	2	11		16	243.00		300.00		150.00	F	F	1	No
Melville.....	62	12	9	29	22.00	17	329.00	146.44	11,936.00	5,829.56	10,000.00	A	G	1	Yes
Abernethy.....	77	13	8	23	20.00	5	65.00	189.23	2,234.48	1,152.12	1,150.00	A	G	1	No
Welwyn.....	161	12	2	10		10	190.00	38.00	350.00	50.00	250.00	A	G	2	No
Earl Grey.....	168	12	4	13		6	84.00	126.38	500.00	131.68	500.00	A	G	1	No

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Lodge	No.	Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance	Am't. Paid for Local Relief	Contributions to G.L.B.F. not inc. levy	Members 12	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	Condition of Lodge	No. Visits D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge Own Hall?
Yorkton.....	12	12	1	25	100.00	40	1,682.50	442.32	4,949.22	183.78	200.00	F	G	1	No
Aurora.....	45	12	11	11	60.00	4	50.00	66.26	530.32		400.00	A	G	1	No
Wynyard.....	66	14	1	17	100.00	11	98.00	77.87	2,500.00		500.00	A	G	1	No
Foam Lake.....	79	14	17	17	47.00	60.00	2	70.00	207.91	1,170.00	200.00	A	G	1	No
Lanigan.....	84	12	6	13		6	79.00	181.88	279.00		200.00	A	G	1	No
Elfron.....	145	14	1	14		11	140.00	151.07	4,306.07	2,546.25	3,400.00	A	G	0	Yes
Viscount.....	151	11	4	11		15	550.00	205.50	1,911.00	150.00	1,000.00	F	G	1	No
Bredenbury.....	157	11	5	10		17	330.00	231.40	350.00	90.00	250.00	F	F	1	No
Springside.....	159	12	2	8		5	70.00	274.48	604.48	39.28	240.00	A	G	1	No
Saltcoats.....	162	12	10	10		2	20.00	240.61	600.00	120.00	600.00	F	F	1	No

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Maple Leaf.....	9	10	4	23	25.00	17	453.00	435.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	A	G	1	No
Swift Current.....	26	12	8	24	180.90	12	121.00	766.58	3,026.84	1,200.00	A	G	1	No
Cypress.....	70	12	4	24		21	325.00	200.00	6,500.00	5,100.00	A	G	1	Yes
Morse.....	93	13	2	17		8	122.00	378.97	4,000.00	3,500.00	A	G	1	Yes
Cabri.....	119	13	1	15		29	270.60	278.50	800.00	300.00	A	G	2	No
Lancer.....	123	11	2	14		11	136.00	19.00	2,000.00	1,200.00	A	G	1	Yes
Mount H.....	124	13	1	17	12.00	4	46.00	225.49	4,321.00	4,121.00	A	G	1	No
Septs.....	140	12	2	16	10.00	6	60.00	519.16	1,000.00	300.00	A	G	1	No
Progressive.....	141	13	1	20		9	145.00	300.00	900.00	500.00	A	G	1	No
Leader.....	142	11	5	17		12	574.85	108.00	6,783.00	5,000.00	A	G	1	Yes
Herbert.....	180	11	9	17				295.40	300.00	300.00	A	G	1	No

DISTRICT NO. 12

Outlook.....	65	13	1	11	5.00	15	350.00	200.00	325.00	300.00	A	F	1	No
Victoria.....	82	8	3	11		32	320.00	184.00	3,010.00	2,500.00	A	F	1	Yes
Zealandia.....	85	13	2	14		10	141.50	468.50	4,658.55	800.00	A	G	1	Yes
Kindersley.....	86	12	3	23		18	380.00	345.15	2,550.91	3,800.00	A	G	1	Yes
Rosetown.....	91	13	8	19		14	136.00	324.72	1,500.00	1,200.00	A	G	2	Yes
Broderick.....	113	11	2	13		7	291.75	266.29	2,619.14	1,450.00	A	G	1	Yes
Dinaton.....	131	12	4	20		7	70.00	223.68	4,272.00	2,650.00	A	G	2	Yes
Conquest.....	132	13	1	18		7	195.15	354.00	400.00	300.00	A	G	1	No
Eaton.....	134	12	1	14		19	283.00	1,162.88	1,736.88	225.00	A	G	1	No
Elrose.....	135	12	1	14		10	175.00	376.00	500.00	500.00	A	F	1	No
Dunblane.....	148	13	6	12		7	90.00	575.00	2,800.00	1,500.00	A	F	1	Yes
Tuberoe.....	181	4		9							A	F	2	No
Lucky Lake.....	187	Instituted	March 10th, 1926.				1.50	114.27	179.00		A	G	2	No

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Prairie.....	57	11	1	18		8	80.00	430.00	750.00	450.00	A	F	1	No
Unity.....	73	13	2	22	25.00	10	158.00	529.00	500.00	250.00	A	G	8	No
Kilwinning.....	74	13	1	17		5	115.00	170.00	1,000.00	100.00	A	G	1	No

Lodge	No.	Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance	Am't. Paid for Local Relief	Contributions to G.L.B.F. not inc. Levy	Members 12 Mo. in Arrears	Total Arrears	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	Condition of Lodge	Prospects	No. Visits D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge Own Hall?
Harmony	75	12	2	31			10	209.00	114.00	1,000.00		400.00	A	C	1	No
Meridian	83	11	14				32	497.00	205.00	1,800.00		1,000.00	A	F	1	Yes
Kerrobot	90	11	6	18			33	331.00	299.00	3,667.00	159.00	1,000.00	A	C	1	No
Biggar	100	12	4	32			24	350.00	800.00	1,400.00		300.00	A	C	1	No
Gothic	105	12	0	13			19	245.00	574.00	700.00		600.00	A	F	1	No
Landis	115	13	1	14			4	28.00	367.00	500.00		400.00	A	F	1	No
Paragon	118	12	1	10			7	111.00	223.00	300.00	50.00	300.00	A	C	1	No
Loverna	149	11	1	11			9	94.00	578.00	813.00		300.00	A	F	1	No
St. Luke's	165	13	4	21				88.00	492.00	500.00		300.00	A		1	

DISTRICT NO. 14.																
St. Johns	106	11	4	24	20.00	10.00	4	32.00	679.00	1,500.00		200.00	A	C	1	No
Limerick	109	13	2	24	262.00		3	60.00	142.00	1,200.00		850.00	A	C	1	No
Shanavon	110	11	4	22	55.00		35	700.00	843.00	4,277.00	175.00	1,000.00	A	C	1	No
Aneroid	111	12	2	20			3	30.00	840.00	1,500.00		400.00	A	C	1	No
Woodrow	112	12	3	19	35.35				942.00	1,755.00	180.00	250.00	A	C	1	No
Oyema	120	14	5	14					370.17	750.00		650.00	A	C	1	No
Azure	122	10	3	17		30.00	11	143.00	565.00	300.00		300.00	F	F	1	No
Cedillac	126	12	2	13			4	40.00	654.00	904.00		150.00	A	C	1	No
Meyronne	128	12	4	21	79.00		2	24.00	541.00	150.00		150.00	A	C	1	No
Mosbank	129	13	2	16			9	110.00	25.00	1,200.00	200.00	500.00	A	C	1	No
Kincaid	138	11	1	16			2	56.50	549.00	800.00		250.00	F	C	1	No
Sharon	170	11	4	13					415.00	700.00		500.00	C	C	1	No
Verwood	177	13	4	25			1	20.00	1,352.00	1,752.00		250.00	A	C	1	No

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Prince Rupert ...	35	10	2	23	150.00	44	459.00	1,135.42	4,434.00	42.00	1,000.00	A	G	1	No
Buchanan ..	54	9	2	12		12.60	9	208.00	475.00	742.50	1,000.00	A	G	1	Yes
King Solomon ..	58	13	1	25			4	275.00	6,000.00		3,600.00	A	G	2	Yes
Canora ..	59	12	2	21	15.00	100.00	14	96.10	4,000.00	1,382.00	2,600.00	A	G	1	Yes
Wadena ..	87	13	2	15			21	170.75	1,000.00	90.00	800.00	A	G	1	No
Invermay ..	102	7	2	10			3	50.00	3,007.00	440.00	1,200.00	A	G	1	Yes
Togo ..	130	12	3	16			14	139.00	683.00		300.00	A	G	1	No
Presceville ..	167	9	1	13	40.00		1	10.00	300.00	150.00	400.00	A	G	1	No
Quill Lake ..	169	13	3	12	12.00		12	96.00	1,003.00		400.00	A	G	1	No
Norquay ..	178	13	2	14		51.60			2,800.00	1,400.00	2,000.00	A	G	1	Yes
Kelvington ..	179	11	6	13		80.00			583.00	400.00	500.00	A	G	1	No

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Strasbourg...	46	12	2	15		10	230.00	22.00	1,100.00	100.00	600.00	F	F	1	No
Touchwood.....	51	11	14		60.00	35	720.00	346.87	1,481.82	50.00	360.00	F	F	1	No
Manitou ..	64	12	4	25		11	114.00	732.52	1,996.52		1,000.00	G	G	1	No
Govan ..	68	13	1	18			11	653.75	4,332.00	429.00	400.00	G	G	1	Yes
Tuscan ..	81	13	5	20			18	102.00	625.00	262.00	500.00	F	F	1	No
Union ..	98	11	2	14	45.00	58.00	4	113.51	359.10	108.70		F	F	1	No
Simpson ..	121	12	2	15			3	40.00	300.00		200.00	F	F	1	No
Philathea ..	133	12	5	19			18	393.00	1,026.20		600.00	G	G	1	Yes
Raymore..	155	12	11				3	24.00	300.00		200.00	F	G	1	No

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly, submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bros. F. B. Reilly and S. G. Peters was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.
Brethren—

Herewith I submit my annual statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ending March 31, 1926.

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank 31-3-25..... \$ 4,699.96

Received through Grand Secretary:

Fees and dues from constituent lodges,

Membership dues.....	\$ 7,857.30
Initiation fees.....	2,640.00
Affiliation fees.....	231.00
Commuted Life Membership fees.....	418.00
Master Masons certificates.....	16.00
Past Masters certificates.....	99.00
	\$11,261.30

Dispensations and charters..... 245.00

Special dispensations..... 288.00

Interest:

Bank.....	65.78
Investments.....	1,074.18
	1,139.96

Repayment of investments..... 473.42

Sale of constitutions..... 385.00

Sale of other publications..... 200.00

585.00

Refund from Grand Lodge of Florida, account of
relief 1924-25.....

300.00

\$18,992.64

EXPENDITURE

	By Gd. Treasurer	Gd. Secy. through contingent fund	Total
Investments	\$ 1,930.00		\$ 1,930.00
Accrued interest paid on same	24.41		24.41
Typewriter	140.00		140.00
Addressograph	134.65		134.65
Books	150.00		150.00
Salaries and Honoraria.			
Grand Secretary	3,000.00		
Grand Secretary's assistant	1,620.00		
Grand Treasurer	100.00		
Grand Tyler	10.00		
Auditor	400.00		
Chairman, Foreign Correspondence Committee	200.00		
			5,330.00
Rent, office	1,380.00		
„ hall for Grand Lodge meeting	85.00		
			1,465.00
General Office Expense:			
Stationery, supplies etc	731.15	9.20	
Printing G. L. Proceedings	629.20		
Office phones	63.00		
Light		16.40	
Postage and Revenue Stamps		400.41	
L. D. phones		48.55	
Telegrams		18.55	
Express, Freight and Cartage		44.11	
Duty		.30	
Post Office Box		6.00	
Exchange	11.50	.16	
Bonding Officials	12.50		
Insurance	6.50		
Engrossing Charters	10.00		
Writing M.M. Certificates		126.15	2,133.68
Travelling:			
District Meetings	394.70		
Board General Purposes	421.25		
District Deputy Grand Masters	781.33		
Grand Master and G. Secretary	376.05	17.55	1,990.88
Miscellaneous:			
Grand Representatives Jewel	50.00		
Presentation to Grand Master	175.00		
Repairing G. L. regalia	226.70		
Flowers	35.50		487.20
	\$13,098.44	\$ 687.38	\$13,785.82
Cash in Grand Secretary's contgt. acct		50.00	50.00
Balance in bank 31-3-26	5,156.82		5,156.82
	\$18,255.26	\$737.38	\$18,992.64

BENEVOLENT FUND RECEIPTS

Cash in bank 31-3-25	\$	\$179.08
Received from Grand Secretary:		
Contributions		3,231.15
Per Capita Levy		5,238.20
Initiation Levy		6,600.00
Interest:		
Investments	9,928.25	
Bank	29.08	
		<u>9,957.33</u>
Repayment of loans		788.88
Relief refunded		361.00
		<u>\$26,355.64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Relief through—		
Battle Lodge 19	\$100.00	
Touchwood 51	390.00	
Twin City 89	279.15	
Evening Star 10	200.00	
New Westminster Board of Relief	225.00	
Melfort 18	455.00	
Swift Current 26	300.00	
Davidson 103	455.00	
Prince Rupert 95	360.00	
Aurora 45	180.00	
Canora 59	275.00	
Melville 62	300.00	
Cypress 70	225.00	
Doric 71	330.00	
Unity 75	300.00	
Victoria Board of relief	50.00	
Lodge Progress 92	300.00	
Mortlach 107	500.00	
Limerick 159	300.00	
Cadillac 126	300.00	
Riverhurst 139	420.00	
Saskatchewan 16	300.00	
Ionic 31	300.00	
Moose Jaw 3	225.00	
Yorkton 12	200.00	
Evergreen 95	500.00	
Eyebrow 67	225.00	
Viscount 151	200.00	
Broderick 113	150.00	
Personal	800.00	
		<u>\$ 9,144.15</u>
Safety deposit box	10.00	
Exchange	.50	
Investments	16,668.70	
Accrued interest on investments	153.07	
Balance in bank 31-3-26	379.22	
		<u>\$26,355.64</u>

Audited and found correct,
C. O. DAVIDSON,
Auditor.

F. B. REILLY,
Grand Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the M.W., the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren—

I have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and submit the following statements, which in my opinion correctly set forth the affairs of Grand Lodge as they appear therein.

Expenditure has been kept well within the estimates as adopted at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, there being a revenue surplus of \$2,110.43 in general account and of \$16,237.00 in benevolent fund account, against \$1,135.52 and \$10,063.49 respectively in the previous year.

I have verified the bank balances and examined the securities held in the various funds and find them correct.

All securities are kept in a safe deposit box in the Bank of Montreal.

Taxes on lot 9, block 409 are paid up to and including 1925 and insurance is in favour of Grand Lodge.

Taxes on the property covered by what is known the Olsen agreement for sale are paid up to and including 1925.

The property on which Grand lodge held second mortgages is no longer a live security, as I am informed that the holders of the first mortgage have foreclosed and the equity of Grand lodge has been wiped out. I would recommend that Grand Lodge consider the advisability of writing off this account.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

From April 1, 1925 to March 31, 1926

Revenue—

Interest account	\$ 1,097.74
Fees, dues etc., constituent lodges	11,262.30
Charters and dispensations	245.00
Special dispensations	288.00
Sale of constitutions, profit	102.91
Sale of other publications, profit	50.00
Relief refunded, 1924-25	300.00

Expenditure—

Salaries and honoraria	\$ 5,330.00
Rent, office	1,380.00
Printing annual proceedings	629.20
Stationery, supplies and office expense	1,473.82
Travelling	1,990.88
Grand Lodge Meeting, rent	85.00
Miscellaneous	279.50
Depreciation, furniture	46.67
Depreciation, regalia	20.45
Balance to capital	2,110.43

\$13,345.95 \$13,345.95

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

as at March 31, 1926

Assets—

Furniture and fixtures:	
Less depreciation.....	\$ 1,783.68
Regalia:	
Less depreciation.....	615.19
Stock of constitutions.....	714.38
Investments:	
Dominion Govt. bonds, par value \$10,000.00	\$10,042.75
Saskatchewan Govt. bonds, par value \$6,000.00.....	6,130.00
Saskatchewan School District debentures par value \$2,898.79	2,898.79
	<u>\$19,071.54</u>
Interest accrued not due	481.32
Due from constituent lodges	1.00
Cash in Grand Secretary's contingent Acct.	50.00
Balance in bank.....	5,156.82

Liabilities—

Surplus March 31, 1925.....	\$25,763.50	
Net gain as per revenue account	2,110.43	
Surplus March 31, 1926.....		<u>\$27,873.93</u>
	<u>\$27,873.93</u>	\$27,873.93

BENEVOLENT FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

April 1, 1925, to March 31, 1926.

Credit—

Initiation levy	\$ 6,600.00
Per capita levy	5,238.20
Contributions	3,281.15
Interest account	9,907.50
Profit on redemption of bonds	53.30

Debit—

Safety deposit box.....	10.00
Relief.....	8,783.15
Net gain to capital	16,237.00
	<u>\$25,030.15</u>
	\$25,030.15

BENEVOLENT FUND BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 1926

Assets—

Investments as per schedule	\$200,964.68
Interest accrued not due	2,989.12
Accrued int. paid on investments.....	58.78
Suspense account.....	.20
Balance in bank.....	379.22

Liabilities—

Accounts payable	\$	10.00
Reserve for doubtful accounts		5,870.88
Surplus 31-3-25	\$182,274.12	
Net gain as per revenue acct.	16,237.00	
Surplus 31-3-26		198,511.12
	<u>\$204,392.00</u>	<u>\$204,392.00</u>

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

As at March 31, 1926

Description	Face Value	Book Value	Yield Rate Per Cent
First mortgage on lot 9, blk 409 Regina . . .	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	8
Municipal and School Debentures—			
Regina Public S.D. No. 4.	2,000.00	2,206.00	5½
City of Regina 6% 34	500.00	512.50	5.66
City of Saskatoon, 6½% 26	500.00	500.00	6½
City of Port Arthur, 5% 31	973.32	832.87	6¾
City of Moose Jaw, 5% 51	1,460.00	1,129.82	6¾
Town of Moosomin, 7% 40	429.86	429.86	7
Dominion of Canada Bonds—			
Victory, 5½% 34	25,000.00	25,085.50	5.45
Refunding, 4½% 44.	5,000.00	4,852.50	4.70
Refunding, 4½% 40	8,000.00	7,761.50	4.75
Refunding, 5% 43	2,000.00	2,034.40	4.82
Refunding, 4½% 46	5,000.00	4,850.00	4.80
Provincial bonds—			
Saskatchewan, 4% 49	9,733.23	8,117.73	5.14
Saskatchewan, 5% 43	20,000.00	19,776.10	5.22
Saskatchewan, 5% 42	2,000.00	1,980.00	4.96
Saskatchewan, 5½% 46	20,000.00	21,200.00	5.05
Saskatchewan, 6% 40	7,000.00	7,047.30	5.97
Saskatchewan, 6% 38	3,000.00	3,231.60	5.25
Saskatchewan, 6% 36	7,000.00	7,470.29	5.30
Saskatchewan, 5% 54, Fm. loan	20,000.00	19,248.00	5.05
Saskatchewan, 4½% 54, Reg. Stk.	7,299.87	6,609.07	5.18
Saskatchewan, 4% 51 Reg. Stk.	9,796.47	8,183.34	5.17
Ontario, 5½% 42	2,000.00	2,020.00	5.38
Ontario, 5% 48	5,000.00	4,900.00	5.12
C. N. R. Dom. Govt. Gold bonds, 5% 54 ..	30,000.00	29,874.30	5.05
Saskatoon Masonic Temple	300.00	300.00	6
Agreement for sale	4,587.78	4,587.78	
Agreement for sale	2,224.22	2,224.22	
	<u>\$ 204,804.75</u>	<u>\$ 200,964.68</u>	

SCHOLARSHIP FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

From April 1, 1925 to March 31, 1926

Credit—

Interest.....	\$	\$118.92
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Debit—

Net gain to capital.....	118.92	
	<u>\$118.92</u>	<u>\$118.92</u>

SCHOLARSHIP FUND BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 1926

Assets—

Saskatchewan Govt. bonds	\$ 1,561.90
Advances to teachers	420.00
Interest accrued not due.....	19.26
Balance in Bank.....	620.62

Liabilities—

Surplus 31st March 1925.....	\$ 2,502.86	
Net gain as per Rev. Acct.	118.92	
Surplus 31st March 1926		2,621.78
	\$ 2,621.78	\$ 2,621.78

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at March 31, 1926

Total Surplus 31st March 1925.....	\$210,540.48	
Net gain General fund	2,110.43	
Net gain Benevolent fund	16,237.00	
Net gain Scholarship fund	118.92	
Total surplus 31st March 1926		\$229,006.83
	\$229,006.83	\$229,006.83

Fraternally submitted,

C. O. DAVIDSON,

Auditor.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, submitted the following report, which on motion of M.W. Bro. Tate and R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly, was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren—

I beg to submit herewith my twelfth annual report as your Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS, COMMISSION, ETC.

The Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were compiled, sent to the printer and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Commissions to fill vacancies as Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near Sister Grand Lodges, as set forth in the address of the M.W. the Grand Master, were duly issued; and all nominations for vacancies near this Grand Lodge made by our Grand Master were

duly communicated to the Grand Jurisdictions concerned and as Commissions were received they were forwarded to the newly appointed Representatives.

The Circulars issued during the year by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education and Research were mimeographed in the office and mailed in due course to all Lodge Secretaries, Chairmen of Research Committees, D.D.G.Ms. and others.

Circular letters were prepared and sent to the Lodges in connection with the District Meetings, the Semi-Annual Returns and a number of other matters. The notices of motion to come before this Communication of Grand Lodge and the notice calling this Annual Communication were also mimeographed and sent out within the required time.

Mimeographed lists of all suspensions, restorations and rejections were compiled and sent to each Lodge on September 30th, 1925 and March 30th, 1926 in accordance with the requirements of section 48 of the Constitution.

664 M.M. certificates, 99 P.M. certificates and 38 L.M. certificates were issued during the year. Certificates were also issued to all elected and appointed Officers of Grand Lodge.

All correspondence has been promptly attended to and the work of the office is up to date.

CHARTERS ISSUED

In accordance with the action of Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. Charters were prepared and issued for Kelvington Lodge No. 179 and Herbert Lodge No. 180. A copy of the Charter of Corinthian Lodge No. 72, Lumsden, to replace the original which had been destroyed by fire, was also issued.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES

Dispensations for new Lodges were issued by order of the M.W. the Grand Master as follows:

Tuberoze Lodge at Tuberoze, in the 12th Masonic District, 14 Charter Members. Instituted October 7th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. J. W. Burton D.D.G.M.

Lonach Lodge at Marsden, in the 7th Masonic District, 11 Charter Members. Instituted October 15th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. W. T. McMurdo, P.D.D.G.M.

Nipawin Lodge at Nipawin in the 1st Masonic District, 19 Charter Members. Instituted October 16th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay, D.D.G.M.

Osage Lodge at Osage in the 8th Masonic District, 12 Charter Members. Instituted November 16th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. W. G. Robinson, P.D.D.G.M.

Loyalty Lodge at Ruddell, in the 7th Masonic District, 15 Charter Members. Instituted December 10th, 1925, by R.W. Bro. S. G. Peters, D.D.G.M.

Emulation Lodge at Regina in the 2nd Masonic District, 66 Charter Members. Instituted January 29th, 1926, by the M.W. the Grand Master.

Lucky Lake Lodge at Lucky Lake in the 12th Masonic District, 21 Charter Members. Instituted March 10th, 1926, by the M.W. the Grand Master.

Glenedyth Lodge at Climax in the 14th Masonic District, 16 Charter Members. Instituted June 11th, 1926, by R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, D.G.M.

MASONIC TRIALS, APPEALS, ETC.

During the year transcripts of trials from the following Lodges were received and forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals: Manitou Lodge No. 64 in the matter of a charge laid against Bro. S.A.M.G.; St. George Lodge No. 136 in the matter of a charge laid against Bro. B.Y.

An appeal from the action of Cupar Lodge No. 47 in the matter of the rejection of his petition for reinstatement by W.P. who had been suspended N.P.D. in said Lodge was also received and forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

In accordance with the action of Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication Bro. C.E.P., Battle Lodge No. 19, and Bro. A.R.W. Prince Albert Lodge No. 63, have been duly summoned to appear at this Communication and show cause why they should not be expelled from Freemasonry.

LODGE TRANSFERRED FROM DISTRICT No. 7 to DISTRICT No. 5.

Ishpeming Lodge No. 43, Langham, having petitioned the M.W. the Grand Master to transfer said Lodge from District No. 7 to District No. 5 and the Grand Master having taken the matter into his consideration instructed me to advise the D.D.G.Ms. for Districts No. 5 and 7 that he had transferred Ishpeming Lodge No. 43 to District No. 5 in accordance with said petition. I therefore duly notified the D.D.G.Ms. and all lodges in Districts No. 5 and 7 of the transfer

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

The following special dispensations were issued by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master during the year:

To Attend Divine Service wearing Regalia.—Kinistino No. 1, Wascana No. 2, Ashlar No. 8, Melfort No. 18, Battle No. 19, Rosthern No. 22, Wolseley No. 24, Hanley No. 28, Golden Rule No. 32, Davidson No. 33, Wapella No. 37, Drinkwater No. 41, Caron No. 42, Landmark No. 44, King Solomon No. 58, Canora No. 59, Imperial No. 60, Rocanville No. 61, Manitou No. 64, Kilwinning No. 74, Harmony No. 75, Tisdale No. 76, Tugaskie No. 78, Connaught No. 80, Meridian No. 83, Lanigan No. 84, Zealandia No. 85, Kindersley No. 86, Goose Lake No. 99, Biggar No. 100, St. John's No. 106, Shaunavon No. 110, Woodrow No. 112, Broderick No. 113, Central Butte No. 114, Landis No. 115, Ceylon No. 116, Lancer No. 123, Cadillac No. 126, Birch Hills, No. 127, Meyronne No. 128, Togo No. 130, Conquest No. 132, Philathea No. 133, Eston No. 134, St. George No. 136, Riverhurst No. 139, Sceptre No. 140, Elfros No. 145, Asquith No. 146, Elstow No. 147, Dunblane No. 148, Loverna No. 149, Viscount No. 151, Star City No. 152, Avonlea No. 156, Milestone No. 164, Earl Grey No. 168, Quill Lake No. 169, St. Andrews No. 174, Radville No. 175, Herbert No. 180, Osage U.D., Radisson No. 97, Aneroid No. 111.

To Install at Other Than Date Set by Constitution.—Heward No. 29, Landmark No. 44, Strasbourg No. 46, Tisdale No. 76, Melville No. 62, Abermethy No. 77, Tugaskie No. 78, Tuscan No. 81, Rosetown No. 91, Eston No. 134, Asquith No. 146, Dunblane No. 148, Bredenbury No. 157, Cut Knife No. 160, Shellbrook No. 171.

To Elect or Elect and Install at Other Than Date Set by Constitution.—Lang No. 34, Morse No. 93, Elstow No. 147.

To transact Regular Business at Emergent Meeting.—Kinistino No. 1, Melfort No. 18, Davidson No. 33, Melville No. 62, Abernethy No. 77, Latomia No. 125, Meyronne No. 128.

To Confer Degrees Short of Time.—Ashlar No. 8, Landmark No. 44, Twin City No. 89, Shellbrook No. 171.

To Act on Petition From Without Jurisdiction of Lodge.—Swift Current No. 26, Grayson No. 48, Border No. 52, Togo No. 130, Welwyn No. 161, Lonach U.D.

To Receive Applicant Not Physically Perfect.—Kilwinning No. 74, Tisdale No. 76, Cadillac No. 126.

To Hold Meetings Until Charter is Issued to Replace Charter Destroyed by Fire.—Corinthian No. 72.

Healing Irregularly Made Masons.—Dunblane No. 148.

Calling Off Regular Meeting for Two Months.—Goose Lake No. 99.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE

Grand Lodge was convened in Special Communication by the M.W. the Grand Master on the dates and at the places following:

At Kelvington, August 14th, 1925, in the Masonic Temple for the purpose of Constituting and Consecrating Kelvington Lodge No. 179 and installing its officers.

At Herbert, August 25th, 1925, in the Masonic Temple for the purpose of Constituting and Consecrating Herbert Lodge No. 180, and installing its officers.

At Dinsmore, November 21st, 1925, for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Temple of Dinston Lodge No. 131.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Acting on instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master, I arranged an itinerary of our Masonic Districts for him, and called the Annual District Meeting for each District. It was my privilege and pleasure to accompany our Grand Master on this itinerary and to take charge of the afternoon session at each of these gatherings. Zeal, enthusiasim and the fraternal spirit of Masonic Brotherhood, so essential to the upbuilding of our beloved institution, pervaded every meeting. I enjoyed very much the opportunity offered me by this trip of renewing old friendships and forming new ones, and deeply appreciate the many courtesies and kindnesses extended.

SEMI ANNUAL RETURNS

It is gratifying to be able to report that the semi annual returns this year were, with one or two exceptions, all received within the time set by the Constitution. I am also pleased to be able to state that the percentage of returns that were correct in every detail was most satisfactory. As a general rule I found the secretaries willing to co-operate with the office by endeavoring to send in their returns in as good shape and as promptly as possible. There were a few delinquents, and your Grand Secretary had to resort to the telephone, telegraph, and numerous appeals by letter, and in one case to report the matter to the D.D.G.M. to get results. The greater number of these appeals were to secretaries whose returns were in error and who neglected or delayed answering correspondence arising out of his mistakes.

The following is a synopsis of the returns of the various lodges:
 Number of Members February 28th, 1925..... 12,969

INCREASE

Number Initiated.....	660	
Number Affiliated.....	248	
Number Restored.....	65	
		973

DECREASE

Number Resigned.....	462	
Number Died.....	66	
Number Suspended.....	285	
Number Commuted Life Members.....	38	
		851
Net Gain.....		122

Number of Members on whom dues were payable February, 28th, 1926.....	13,091
Number of Chartered Lodges.....	180

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All fees, dues, etc., owing to Grand Lodge for the year ending March 31st, 1926, with the exception of one dollar due by Cupar Lodge No. 47 and arising out of an error on their February return not discovered until after the books closed, have been paid in full. The following is a summary of the financial transactions of this office:

General Fund—

Fees, Dues and Certificates.....	\$ 11,261.30
Charters and Dispensations for New Lodges.....	245.00
Special Dispensations.....	288.00
Supplies sold.....	585.00
Repayment on Investment and Interest.....	1,547.60

Benevolent Fund—

Contributions.....	3,231.15
Per Capita Levy.....	5,238.20
Initiation Levy.....	6,600.00
Refund on Grants.....	361.00
Repayments on Investments and Interest.....	10,717.13

Total.....\$ 40,074.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Deposits General Account.....	\$ 13,924.80
Deposits Benevolent Fund Account.....	26,146.08
Over Deposited March 1925.....	3.50
Total.....	\$ 40,074.38

BENEVOLENT FUND

Donations have been received towards this fund during the year as follows:

Towards outstanding balances on the 1917 allotment	\$ 2,704.00
From Lodges paid up on the 1917 allotment and Lodges Instituted since 1917	597.35
From Individuals.....	1.50

Total\$ 3,284.85

The following is a statement of amounts received from June 17th, 1925 to the end of the fiscal year, March 31st, 1926:

Kinistino Lodge No. 1	\$458.00	Union Lodge No. 98.....	\$ 58.00
Qu'App.Valley Ldg.No.4....	13.00	Goose Lake Lodge No. 99..	50.00
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16	700.00	Dinston Lodge No. 131.....	5.00
Hanley Lodge No. 28.	51.00	Philathea Lodge No. 133..	10.00
Davidson Lodge No. 33....	295.00	Elrose Lodge No. 135.	10.00
Border Lodge No. 52	20.00	Dunblane Lodge No. 148 ..	65.00
Elbowview Lodge No.56....	15.00	Banner Lodge No. 154.....	2.00
Canora Lodge No. 59.....	100.00	Borden Lodge No. 158.	62.00
Outlook Lodge No. 65.....	100.00	Springside Lodge No. 159..	25.00
Wynyard Lodge No. 66	5.00	Fillmore Lodge No. 163....	40.00
Doric Lodge No. 71.....	21.00	Wakaw Lodge No. 166	90.00
Unity Lodge No. 73.....	5.00	A friend (thro' No. 159) ..	1.50
Laigan Lodge No. 84	12.35		
		Total.....	\$2,213.85

Since the books closed, March 31st, 1926, the following amounts have been received:

Kinistino Lodge No. 1.....	\$166.50	Cypress Lodge No. 70.....	\$135.00
Carlyle Lodge No. 17.....	162.50	Meridian Lodge No. 83.....	100.00
Grayson Lodge No. 48.....	158.00	Azure Lodge No. 122.....	174.00
King Solomon Ld. No.58....	100.00	St. Lukes Lodge No. 165 ..	25.00
Prince Albt. Ld. No. 63.....	50.00		
		Total.....	\$1,071.00

The following amounts were received prior to March 31st, 1926 in refunds on grants:

Rouleau Lodge No. 40	\$105.00	Twin City Lodge No. 89..	\$181.00
Canora Lodge No. 59.....	75.00		
		Total.....	\$361.00

Since the books closed the following amounts have been received in refunds:

Briercrest Lodge No. 88.....	\$100.00	Mortlach Lodge No. 107....	\$ 50.00
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Of the 29 lodges with outstanding balances on the 1917 allotment in 1925, 7 have paid up during the year: Kinistino Lodge No. 1 Prince Albert (Dist. No. 1.), Carlyle Lodge No. 17 (Dist. No. 8), Davidson Lodge No. 33 (Dist. No. 5), Grayson Lodge No. 48 (Dist. No. 9), Canora Lodge No. 59 (Dist. No. 15), Cypress Lodge No. 70 Gull Lake (Dist. No. 11), Union Lodge No. 98 Kelliher (Dis. No. 16).

The following is a list by Districts of the 22 lodges with outstanding balances:

District No. 1—Total \$580.50	
Duck Lake No. 13.....	\$320.00
Prince Albert No. 63.....	\$260.50
District No. 4—Total \$190.00	
Ashlar No. 8.....	\$190.00
District No. 5—Total \$1,268.55	
Saskatchewan No. 16.....	\$727.55
Evergreen No. 95.....	\$112.00
Hanley No. 28.....	289 00
Goose Lake No. 99.....	140.00
District No. 6—Total \$975.85	
Weyburn No. 20.....	\$300.05
Border No. 52.....	\$220.00
Alameda No. 27.....	194.00
Ceylon No. 116.....	50.80
Boscurevis No. 39.....	212.00
District No. 8—Total \$100.00	
Arcola No. 21.....	\$100.00
District No. 9—Total \$169.72	
Rocanville No. 61.....	\$169.72
District No. 10—Total \$197.42	
Yorkton No. 12.....	\$197.42
District No. 12—Total \$750.00	
Outlook No. 65.....	\$235.00
Broderick No. 113.....	\$ 65.00
Victoria No. 82.....	450.00
District No. 13—Total \$190.00	
Meridian No. 83.....	\$190.00
District No. 15—Total \$625.25	
Buchanan No. 54.....	\$159.25
Wadena No. 87.....	\$130.00
King Solomon No. 58.....	\$295.00
Invermay No. 102.....	41.00
District No. 16—Total \$209.25	
Touchwood No. 51.....	\$ 99.25
Simpson No. 121.....	\$110.00

The following is a detailed statement of the contributions received from Constituent Lodges to this fund from June 1917 to date showing the amount allocated to each Lodge in 1917 and the balance (if any) still unpaid, also the membership in 1923 when the constitution was amended requiring lodges to pay a fee of \$10.00 for each Initiate to the fund.

LODGE	NO.	Mbrship, Aug 1923	Amt. Alctd. in 1917	Amt. Paid in to June, 1925	Bal. of 1917 Almt. Unpd
Kinistino.....	1	168	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Wascana.....	2	357	2,600.00	2,677.22	
Moose Jaw.....	3	330	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Qu'Appelle Valley.....	4	47	410.00	468.00	
Indian Head.....	5	101	700.00	700.00	
Qu'Appelle.....	6	54	460.00	460.00	

LODGE	NO.	Mbrship, Aug 1923	Amt. Altd. in 1917	Amt. Paid in to June, 1925	Bal. of 1917, Altd. Unpd
Moosomin	7	121	1,120.00	1,135.00	
Ashlar	8	41	430.00	240.00	190.00
Maple Leaf	9	73	650.00	675.00	
Evening Star	10	55	680.00	680.00	
N.W.M.P.	11	267	1,550.00	1,865.30	
Yorkton	12	137	1,270.00	1,072.28	197.42
Duck Lake	13	42	370.00	50.00	320.00
Sintaluta	14	70	500.00	530.00	
Amity	15	65	570.00	570.00	
Saskatchewan	16	281	2,500.00	1,772.45	727.55
Carlyle	17	55	660.00	660.00	
Melfort	18	125	700.00	802.00	
Battle	19	113	1,000.00	1,001.00	
Weyburn	20	151	1,500.00	1,199.95	300.05
Arcola	21	63	650.00	550.00	100.00
Rosthern	22	47	380.00	585.00	
Britannia	23	100	900.00	1,019.00	
Wolseley	24	55	400.00	400.00	
Estevan	25	106	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Swift Current	26	131	1,200.00	1,257.00	
Alameda	27	42	300.00	106.00	194.00
Hanley	28	68	600.00	311.00	289.00
Heward	29	62	280.00	305.00	
New Hope	30	40	200.00	200.00	
Ionic	31	137	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Golden Rule	32	87	750.00	750.00	
Davidson	33	92	650.00	650.00	
Lang	34	60	520.00	563.00	
Prince Rupert	35	99	800.00	841.00	
Bruce	36	76	600.00	619.00	
Wapella	37	60	460.00	600.00	
Ekapo	38	42	350.00	405.00	
Boscurvis	39	53	550.00	338.00	212.00
Rouleau	40	87	700.00	710.00	
Drinkwater	41	71	430.00	460.00	
Caron	42	63	460.00	620.00	
Ishpeming	43	47	360.00	360.00	
Landmark	44	86	510.00	700.00	
Aurora	45	47	350.00	350.00	
Strasbourg	46	61	660.00	1,000.00	
Cupar	47	61	550.00	550.00	
Grayson	48	48	360.00	360.00	
Assiniboia	49	258	1,660.00	1,751.12	
Golden Fleece	50	51	400.00	400.00	
Touchwood	51	64	470.00	370.75	99.25
Border	52	22	260.00	40.00	220.00
Nanatah	53	61	400.00	400.00	
Buchanan	54	36	350.00	190.75	159.25
Craik	55	53	450.00	580.00	
Elbowview	56	43	250.00	398.18	
Prairie	57	62	750.00	750.00	
King Solomon	58	110	600.00	305.00	295.00

LODGE	NO.	Mbrship Aug 1923	Amt. Alctd. in 1917	Amt. Paid in to June, 1925	Bal. of 1917 Amt. Unpd
Canora.....	59	83	600.00	600.00	
Imperial.....	60	287	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Rocanville.....	61	56	620.00	450.28	169.72
Melville.....	62	115	850.00	970.00	
Prince Albert.....	63	134	1,000.00	739.50	260.50
Manitou.....	64	90	700.00	796.00	
Outlook.....	65	59	700.00	465.00	235.00
Wynyard.....	66	63	430.00	505.00	
Eyebrow.....	67	63	500.00	520.00	
Govan.....	68	74	650.00	1,138.92	
Carrot River.....	69	47	320.00	320.00	
Cypress.....	70	101	900.00	900.00	
Doric.....	71	154	1,250.00	1,363.00	
Corinthian.....	72	68	400.00	400.00	
Unity.....	73	74	350.00	595.00	
Kilwinning.....	74	60	400.00	475.00	
Harmony.....	75	62	360.00	410.00	
Tisdale.....	76	71	450.00	450.00	
Abernethy.....	77	45	260.00	505.00	
Tugaske.....	78	66	600.00	970.00	
Foam Lake.....	79	44	290.00	290.00	
Connaught.....	80	31	290.00	330.00	
Tuscan.....	81	77	550.00	1,500.00	
Victoria.....	82	70	810.00	360.00	450.00
Meridian.....	83	66	400.00	210.00	190.00
LANIGAN.....	84	60	450.00	462.35	
Zealandia.....	85	67	500.00	650.00	
Kindersley.....	86	112	650.00	655.00	
Wadena.....	87	60	380.00	250.00	130.00
Briercrest.....	88	39	400.00	430.22	
Twin City.....	89	99	700.00	700.00	
KerRobert.....	90	89	700.00	700.00	
Rosetown.....	91	78	750.00	770.00	
Progress.....	92	194	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Morse.....	93	85	510.00	510.00	
Maryfield.....	94	50	480.00	532.00	
Evergreen.....	95	44	400.00	288.00	112.00
Yellow Grass.....	96	40	270.00	435.00	
Radisson.....	97	60	530.00	550.00	
Union.....	98	43	270.00	270.00	
Goose Lake.....	99	67	600.00	460.00	140.00
Biggar.....	100	95	600.00	700.00	
Acacia.....	101	61	350.00	422.00	
Invermay.....	102	25	160.00	119.00	41.00
Composite.....	103	43	260.00	348.00	
King Hiram.....	104	241	1,750.00	2,179.00	
Gothic.....	105	48	310.00	428.00	
St. John's.....	106	74	550.00	760.00	
Mortlach.....	107	63	400.00	548.00	
Long Lake.....	108	57	400.00	410.00	
Limerick.....	109	67	300.00	720.00	
Shaunavon.....	110	103	570.00	701.00	

LODGE	NO.	Mbrship, Aug. 1923	Amt. Alctd. in 1917	Amt. Paid in to June, 1925	Bal. of 1917, Almt. Unpd
Aneroid.....	111	73	400.00	425.00	
Woodrow.....	112	56	310.00	320.00	
Broderick.....	113	49	400.00	335.00	65.00
Central Butte.....	114	60	450.00	946.20	
Landis.....	115	42	270.00	325.00	
Ceylon.....	116	43	350.00	299.20	50.80
Dundurn.....	117	43	350.00	350.00	
Paragon.....	118	47	300.00	300.00	
Cabri.....	119	84	600.00	600.00	
Ogema.....	120	42	300.00	300.00	
Simpson.....	121	38	320.00	210.00	110.00
Azure.....	122	62	400.00	620.00	
Lancer.....	123	71	320.00	320.00	
Mount Hermon.....	124	47	170.00	250.00	
Latomia.....	125	79	250.00	250.00	
Cadillac.....	126	36	200.00	220.00	
Birch Hills.....	127	44	200.00	200.00	
Meyronne.....	128	37	170.00	170.00	
Mossbank.....	129	61	100.00	335.00	
Togo.....	130	42	80.00	161.25	
Dinston.....	131	60	260.00	372.00	
Conquest.....	132	44	110.00	321.00	
Philathea.....	133	56	100.00	738.00	
Eston.....	134	60	160.00	228.00	
Elrose.....	135	48	190.00	255.00	
St. George.....	136	156	520.00	770.00	
Tyrian.....	137	39	150.00	160.00	
Kincaid.....	138	44	120.00	240.00	
Riverhurst.....	139	41		160.00	
Sceptre.....	140	57		370.00	
Progressive.....	141	41		165.00	
Leader.....	142	50		300.00	
Hawarden.....	143	33		150.00	
Victory.....	144	99			
Elfros.....	145	38		55.00	
Asquith.....	146	21			
Elstow.....	147	50		422.00	
Dunblane.....	148	33		107.00	
Loverna.....	149	37		130.00	
Wawota.....	150	35		93.00	
Viscount.....	151	39			
Star City.....	152	52			
Blaine Lake.....	153	28		50.00	
Banner.....	154	350		1,841.65	
Raymore.....	155	24		77.50	
Avonlea.....	156	33		125.00	
Bredenbury.....	157	32			
Borden.....	158	49		162.50	
Springside.....	159	20		100.00	
Cut Knife.....	160	28			
Welwyn.....	161	22		20.00	
Saltcoats.....	162	33		140.00	

LODGE	NO.	Mbrship, Aug. 1923	Amt. Aletd. in 1917	Amt. Pd. in to June, 1925	Bal. of 1917 Almt. Unpd
Fillmore	163	25		130.00	
Milestone	164	30		68.00	
St. Luke's	165	29		315.00	
Wakaw	166	27		180.00	
Preeceville	167	36		230.00	
Earl Grey	168	25			
Quill Lake	169	33			
Sharon	170	24			
Shellbrook	171	20			
Memorial	172	30		180.00	

DEATH OF PAST GRAND SECRETARY J. M. SHAW

During the year the Angel of Death with his ever swinging scythe has taken his full toll of the stalwarts of the early days of this Grand Lodge including my predecessor R.W. Bro. John Milton Shaw, M.D. who passed away, after a lingering illness, at his home in the city of Victoria B.C. on Thursday, March 25th, 1926. Dr. Shaw who was the personification of kindness and unselfishness, was beloved by every member of the Craft in Saskatchewan, and by none more sincerely than by him on whom his mantle fell when his health broke down in 1914, and he was compelled to resign as Grand Secretary. We mourn today, in the passing of Dr. Shaw, one who took a very prominent part in the formation of this Grand Lodge and to whom the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was dear even as his own child. Our hearts go out in sympathy to his widow and family. We rejoice, that even as they, we have his memory as a beacon to guide us to that ultimate haven which is now his.

INTERNATIONAL MASONIC VISITATIONS

Last September our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith, advised me that the Shaunavon brethren had arranged to pay a fraternal visit to Havre, Montana, on Thursday, September 24th, and invited me to accompany them. Unfortunately I had made arrangements to leave that day to attend The Supreme Council of the A. & A. S. R. at Montreal, and consequently was unable to accept the invitation. I understand that R.W. Bro. Smith accompanied by over sixty Masons from Shaunavon and neighboring Canadian lodges made the trip to Havre, a distance of over one hundred and fifty miles, and that they received a most enthusiastic welcome from the Montana brethren and spent a very enjoyable and profitable time.

Early this spring R.W. Bro. Smith notified me that the brethren at Havre had arranged to pay Shaunavon a return visit on May 29th, and urged me to be present. I very gladly consented to go if at all possible and I certainly will never regret the effort put forth to be with our good brethren of Shaunavon on the occasion. It was a most delightful event and must assuredly have made all who took part in it love Masonry more than ever. M.W. Bro. J. McCauley joined me at Moose Jaw for the trip. About eighty-five of our Montana brethren from Havre and the surrounding district, accompanied by their Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. M. Charteris, and a number of



R.W. BRO. JOHN MILTON SHAW M.D.
Grand Secretary 1906—1914

their lady friends, made the journey across to Shaunavon for the occasion, arriving there during the afternoon. At 6.15 in the evening over two hundred Masons sat down to a bountiful dinner provided by the Shaunavon brethren and at 8 o'clock Lodge was duly opened and the Deputy Grand Master of Montana received with Masonic Grand Honors. The third degree was then conferred by Shaunavon Lodge after which R.W. Bro. Charteris delivered one of the most able and stirring Masonic addresses that I have ever heard. A number of brethren both from Montana and Saskatchewan subsequently spoke after which Lodge was closed thus terminating an occasion that will long be remembered by those present.

I am a strong believer in the value of these international interchanges of Masonic courtesies, ideas, and views. It is gratifying to me to report this exchange of visitations, and I trust it means the birth of that fraternal spirit with Montana that has so long existed between the Masons of North Dakota and Saskatchewan. Certainly if the type of men who came over from Havre to Shaunavon is typical of the Montana Mason there are not any better made anywhere and we want to know more of them.

Early in May I received a very pressing invitation from R.W. Bro. Daniel A. Fisk, District Deputy Grand Master of the 13th Masonic District of North Dakota, to be present at their District Meeting in Ambrose on May 19th. I regretted exceedingly that the time was too short to enable me to make arrangements to be present as we are always accorded a royal welcome by our good brethren of North Dakota. When I found it would be impossible for me to make arrangements to attend the meeting at Ambrose I sent a telegram of regret and fraternal greeting and received the following telegram from the District Secretary in reply: "Telegram received, greatly regret your absence. Appreciate spirit of your message. We are trying to do our part in promoting Masonic International Good Will. We prize the associations with our brethren of Saskatchewan. Greetings and all good wishes."

IN CONCLUSION

I desire to record my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me by our Grand Master and the Craft generally throughout the year.

I sincerely trust that my efforts during the year have contributed to building up and extending the democracy of Freemasonry in our fair Province and hastening the coming of the day of which Bobby Burns sang:

"Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will, for a' that,

That man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be, for a' that."

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. TATE,

Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith and M.W. Bro. Bro. D. A. Kingsbury, was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes held its first meeting in The Baptist Church, Saskatoon, immediately after the close of Grand Lodge on Thursday, June 18, 1925. At this meeting the Vice-President was elected and the various standing committees appointed for the ensuing year.

The Board held its second and final meeting for the year yesterday in the Board Room, Cornwall Street in this City. At this meeting reports were received from the various Standing Committees which reports will be presented to you for your consideration.

Fraternally Submitted,

W. J. SMITH, President.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly and M.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We your Committee on charters beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the Books and Records of the following lodges U.D.: Tuberoose at Tuberoose; Lonach at Marsden; Nipawin at Nipawin; Osage at Osage; Loyalty at Ruddell; Emulation at Regina; Lucky Lake at Lucky Lake.

We would recommend that charters be granted to the above lodges but in the case of Tuberoose and Lonach we would recommend that these Charters be withheld until the conditions of financing the organization expenses as outlined in a letter to these brethren, from the Grand Secretary, be complied with as follows:

"Re financing the project, it will cost you about \$300.00 (\$200.00 for necessary paraphernalia, \$25.00 for Dispensation and \$55.00 for stationery.) If you are going ahead therefore the Charter members would require to arrange to pay a Charter Fee (in addition to their first year's dues) sufficient to cover the greater part of this amount as the Grand Master will not consent to the formation of a lodge where the brethren are expecting to raise the initial expenses out of initiation fees of new candidates but insists on the Charter Members paying a charter fee sufficient to guarantee initial expenses. If therefore you have twenty members signing the petition it would be necessary for you to set a charter fee of about \$15.00 each."

Your committee beg leave to to make the following recommendations.

1. That before a dispensation is granted to form a lodge the brethren be asked to raise by Charter Fee a minimum amount (exclusive of loans or dues paid in advance) as follows:

If the Lodge is situated in a Village or Hamlet \$200.00

If in an incorporated Town \$400.00

And if in a City \$600.00.

2. That the reports of the D.D.G.M's. as to dispensations to form new lodges be referred to a committee of the Board of General Purposes.

3. That the dispensation issued to Glenedyth lodge at Climax which was instituted on June 11th, be continued till next Annual Communication.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

FRANCIS B. REILLY,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin and M.W. Bro. W. M. Thomson was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report as follows:

During the year the following matters were laid before your Committee:

1. Manitou Lodge No. 64 v. Bro. S. A. M. G.

Bro. S. A. M. G. was charged with unMasonic conduct, was tried by the Lodge on September 11th, 1924, was found guilty and sentenced to indefinite suspension. Your Committee concurs with the decision of the lodge and recommends expulsion.

2. St. George Lodge No. 136 v. Bro. B. Y.

Bro. B. Y. was charged with unMasonic conduct, was tried by the lodge on October 2nd, 1925, was found guilty and was sentenced to indefinite suspension. Your Committee concurs with the decision of the lodge.

3. Cupar Lodge No. 47 v. Bro. W. P.

Bro. W. P. was in December 1923 suspended by the lodge for non-payment of dues. In the fall of 1925 he put in a petition for reinstatement accompanied with arrears of dues and on February 23rd 1926 his petition was voted upon and rejected by the lodge. He now petitions Grand Lodge to have the decision of Cupar Lodge on his petition for reinstatement, reversed. Having regard to the fact that the lodge has voted adversely on the petition of Bro. W. P. for reinstatement and considering the provisions of Rule 71 of the Con-

stitution of Grand Lodge under the title "Nonpayment of Dues", your committee considers that Grand Lodge has no power, under the provisions of the Constitution to take action in cases such as the present.

Bro. C. E. Price of Battle Lodge No. 19 and Bro. A. R. Woods of Prince Albert Lodge No. 63 have both been notified in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution to appear at this Grand Lodge to shew cause why they should not be expelled from Masonry in accordance with the finding of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. MARTIN, Chairman.

EXPULSIONS

Bro. Charles Edward Price, Battle Lodge No. 19, having been summoned to appear at this meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from Freemasonry, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1925, and having failed to put in an appearance, the M.W. the Grand Master declared Charles Edward Price expelled from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Freemasonry.

Bro. Albert Reginald Woods, Prince Albert Lodge No. 63, having been duly summoned to appear at this meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from Freemasonry, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1925, and having failed to put in an appearance, the M.W. the Grand Master declared Albert Reginald Woods expelled from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Freemasonry.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF MASONRY

M.W. Bro. C.O. Davidson submitted the following report, which on motion of M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson and R.W. Bro. C. P. Moore, was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for the various Masonic districts have been placed before your committee on Condition of Masonry, and have been carefully examined. Without exception they indicate a satisfactory degree of progress and a growing interest in Freemasonry which is highly gratifying.

It is to be presumed that on the occasion of the District Deputy Grand Master's visit the lodge is more or less on its mettle, and endeavours to make as good a showing as possible, but notwithstanding this, it is fair to assume that the report which is made of each official visit may be considered as a fairly accurate presentation of the condition of the lodge, the manner in which it conducts its affairs, its financial position and the general attitude of its members toward it, and we are pleased to note that these reports are generally of a most satisfying character and indicate a degree of progress more marked than in any previous year.

It cannot be expected however that among the 187 lodges in the Grand jurisdiction, that there is none which does not share this general prosperity. As a matter of fact there are a limited number which find it difficult to function altogether satisfactorily. Fortunately the number is small, and in every case heroic efforts are being made to maintain at least a degree of efficiency, and the struggle against adverse circumstances put up by the brethren who make up the membership rolls of these lodges is deserving of the highest praise. We sincerely hope that their efforts will ultimately be crowned with success, and that the near future will see them out of their difficulties.

One of the principal reasons for this condition is the establishing of lodges in territory, which from the nature of its population presents no possibility of future growth. This suggests the advisability of great care being exercised by District Deputy Grand Masters in investigating this important feature previous to recommending the granting of dispensations for new lodges.

We recommend that all applications for dispensations be forwarded to the Committee on Charters after receiving the favorable consideration of the D.D.G.M., which Committee shall enquire thoroughly in each case and advise the Grand Master; and furthermore, that steps be taken to amend the Constitution to conform to this recommendation, if adopted.

Lodge Attendance

We are pleased to be able to report an apparent improvement in this respect, especially in country lodges. It is true that many lodges with a substantial membership show a comparatively low average attendance. This may be attributed to various causes, the principal one being the large number of brethren residing in the country at a distance from the place of meeting, while a number of lodges include a great many railway men whose duties call them away from home, making it difficult for them to give that attention to their lodge which they otherwise would. In such cases the reasons for unsatisfactory attendance are of course obvious, but it is difficult to explain why lodges in cities and many larger towns with membership of upward of a hundred or more, should make such poor showing in this respect. We could cite numbers of cases of lodges in this category which would appear to be handicapped to a lamentable extent by the failure of so many of their members to properly respond to the notices of meetings, which no doubt are regularly sent to them. For instance a lodge located in a certain fairly large town with a membership of ninety eight, has an average attendance of only seventeen while not far from it a country lodge with a membership of thirty-two has the same average. A lodge in one of the larger cities with a total membership of two hundred and sixty has an average attendance of only thirty-seven.

This must be discouraging to the officers who are responsible for the welfare of the lodge and the few brethren who continue to maintain that degree of interest which should be shared with them by all of their co-members.

At the same time we are bound to say that conditions in this respect show a slight improvement over last year, and it is to be hoped that the improvement will continue until there is no longer ground for criticism.

Lodge Rooms

We find that there is a decided improvement in the character of lodge quarters, though in a few instances complaints are made that

rooms are unsuitable. We are pleased however to note that these lodges are endeavouring to find more suitable quarters, either planning to acquire their own buildings or by renting better rooms. There are still quite a number of lodges labouring under the disadvantage of joint tenancy with other bodies, and in the smaller places this appears to be a condition which it is difficult to overcome. We suggest however that lodges do all in their power to obtain exclusive tenancy of their rooms when at all possible. It is worthy of note that forty nine lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction own their own buildings, including those which are tenants of Masonic temple companies.

Officers

That lodges in Saskatchewan are exceedingly well officered is an outstanding feature of the District Deputies' reports. Only in two instances is found anything approaching criticism in this respect, and to this may be ascribed the high standard of excellence which we are pleased to believe our lodges are steadily acquiring.

Another feature to which the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters give prominence, is the increasing interest which is being taken in the search for information respecting Freemasonry. There are now very few lodges which are not working to some extent along these lines, and we look forward to greater efforts in the future. This is a factor in the success of Masonry which has been particularly stressed for some time past, and it is encouraging to find that the attention given to the subject by members of Grand Lodge and others who have spent considerable time in promoting it is bearing fruit, and we feel that perseverance in this direction will ultimately result in a great benefit to the craft.

District Meetings.

We feel that this report would be incomplete without a reference to the district meetings which are held annually in each Masonic district. Every District Deputy is enthusiastic as to the benefits which are being derived from them, and your committee recognizes in them a means for promoting Masonic intercourse and the interchange of ideas on subjects involving the welfare of the craft, which could not otherwise be attained. It is true that the holding of these meetings entails some expense, but we believe that their cost to Grand Lodge is amply repaid by the results accruing from them, and we would go so far as to recommend that even larger sums be spent in increasing their usefulness to the brethren, by procuring the services of capable men to address and discuss with them those Masonic problems which are increasingly attracting attention.

In this connection it is to be remembered that Masons remote from the larger centres, and these comprise the greater part of our membership, are to a considerable extent deprived of the advantages enjoyed by those residing in the larger towns and cities, and it should be the aim of Grand Lodge to make up to them by every means in its power, those things, which from the nature of their geographical position, it is difficult for them to acquire unassisted. Especially is this the case, when it is considered that upon these country members, Masonry in Saskatchewan depends to a very great extent for the help and support, without which it cannot hope to attain the fulfilment of those great objects, for which it is striving.

Dues.

The dues in all lodges are sufficient to maintain them, and proper efforts are being made to collect them.

Historical Register.

We observe that there are still a few complaints that historical registers are not kept up to date. Every lodge should have this important record properly written up. At the present time it might appear to some Secretaries that with the minute book containing all the transactions of the lodge, its usefulness is of a more or less negligible nature, but in time to come it will be found to serve a valuable purpose, in that the salient points in the history of the lodge may be readily referred to in it, and its absence might on occasions prove a serious inconvenience. We urge upon all Secretaries the importance of giving this matter the most careful attention.

Other Records.

In all cases the books are satisfactorily kept, and in such a manner as to present at all times a fairly comprehensive exhibit of the affairs of the lodges.

Visiting.

Many lodges are featuring the exchange of visits with neighbouring lodges, a practice which cannot fail to produce satisfactory results. It is hoped that this practice will become more general.

Finances

The general financial condition of lodges in the province shows a fair degree of improvement, though it is with regret that we report an increase in the amount of dues in arrears.

The following table may be of interest:

	1925-26	1924-25
Total unpaid dues, all lodges	\$ 41,828.70	\$ 36,509.85
Total cash in hand, all lodges	69,056.32	61,250.62
Total other assets, all lodges	282,644.85	261,902.21
Total Assets, all lodges	\$ 393,529.87	\$ 359,662.68
Total liabilities, all lodges ..	61,737.02	45,370.80
Net assets, all lodges	331,792.85	314,291.88
Total number 12 months or more in arrears of dues	2,337	2,450
Total membership, exclusive of Commuted Life Members	13,091	12,969

Relief Funds.

While not all of the lodges have regular organization for meeting the requirements of local relief, none of them is neglectful of its obligations in this respect. Many have standing committees with power to spend fixed amounts, others make per capita levies for this purpose, and some depend upon voluntary contributions from the members whenever required. During the year \$6,314.09 was devoted to relief purposes by all lodges. This is equal to approximately forty eight cents per member, and does not of course include contributions to the Grand Lodge Benevolent fund, which aside from the per capita and initiation levies, averages about twenty-five cents per member. The total average amount per member, voluntary and obligatory under the constitution and lodge by-laws, amounts to approximately one dollar and sixty-five cents for all purposes.

Recommendations.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters contain only one definite recommendation, it is made by R.W. Bro. F. B. Williams of District No. 5 "that the semi-annual levy of twenty cents per capita for benevolent fund, be increased to fifty cents". As this is a question which would require notice of motion to bring it up for discussion, we would suggest to Bro. Williams that he deal with it in this manner if he so desires.

R.W. Bro. McDonald of District No. 10 calls attention to the desirability of selecting the most central and easily accessible points in the districts for holding the district meetings, a suggestion which is worthy of consideration as a means of furthering the success of these meetings.

R.W. Bro. Bannatyne again refers to his opinion expressed last year, that District Deputy Grand Masters be elected for a term of two years. We would suggest to Bro. Bannatyne that in order to test the opinion of Grand Lodge, on this question, he bring it up by way of notice as an amendment to the constitution.

We wish to state without reservation that the District Deputy Grand Masters this year have performed the important duties imposed upon them in a most efficient, painstaking and zealous manner, thereby placing Grand Lodge under an obligation to them which it will be difficult to discharge. As an acknowledgement of this obligation and a mark of appreciation of their unselfish devotion to the interests of their respective districts and incidentally of Masonry as a whole, we would recommend that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon them as follows:

W. Bros. M. A. McKay (1), H. H. Tubman (2), E. Kingsbury (3), J. A. Creary (4), F. B. Williams (5), S. G. Peters (7), C. N. Syme (8), J. A. Thompson (9), A. E. McDonald (10), T. D. Moase (11), J. W. Burton (12), J. Dickson (13), G. H. Stephenson (14), W. G. Blewett (15), A. G. McLean (16).

R.W. Bro. D. Bannatyne of District No. 6 has already had this rank conferred upon him. Bro. Bannatyne resumed the duties of District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6 on the death of R.W. Bro. R. A. Lee.

Bro. Lee was called from labour by the Great Architect shortly after he had taken up the duties of District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6. His death is a distinct loss to Grand Lodge, and will be particularly felt in his own district. He was a Mason in every sense of the word, and saying this, we can bestow upon him no greater panegyric. We do not know that we have precedent for so doing, but we would recommend that lodge confer upon him the posthumous rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the deaths of R.W. Bro. W. L. Craddock of Lanigan, a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 10 and R.W. Bro. F. S. Proctor, a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 9 who passed away since the last communication of Grand Lodge, the former at his home in Lanigan and the latter at Victoria where he resided for some time previous to his death.

We also wish to refer to the death of R.W. Bro. William McGowan, a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1. Bro. McGowan was in the eightieth year of his age, and a large part of his long life was devoted to the interests of Freemasonry.

R.W. Bro. John W. Cram was a past District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, his death will prove a distinct loss to Masonry in Saskatchewan. He was a familiar figure at Grand Lodge and held at the time of his death the office of Grand Registrar. He had an unbroken record for attendance at the annual communications of this Grand Lodge and the absence of his genial presence and wise counsel will be distinctly felt.

Fraternally submitted,

C. O. DAVIDSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

M.W. Bro. W. M. Thomson submitted the following report, which on motion of M.W. Bro. W. M. Thomson and R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson, was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence have much pleasure in reporting that our relations with sister grand jurisdictions continue as in the past to be most friendly and cordial.

Applications for fraternal recognition have been received from the following Grand Jurisdictions:

- The United Grand Lodge of Queensland
- The York Grand Lodge of Mexico.
- The Grand Lodge of North East Spain.
- The Grand Lodge of Vienna.
- The Czechoslovak National Grand Lodge.

After going into the applications very seriously your Committee have decided to recommend that recognition be granted to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico; and that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of North East Spain, the Grand Lodge of Vienna, and the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia be delayed for further information.

The proceedings of sister Grand Jurisdictions have been reviewed and will duly appear as an appendix to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

W. M. THOMSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF AND CHARITY

R.W. Bro. W. McCauley submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bros. W. McCauley and A. M. Bell, was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity beg leave to report as follows. During the past Masonic year three cases have been presented to your Committee.

1. From the Secretary of Strasbourg Lodge in which Grand Lodge

was approached in the matter of paying the funeral expenses of a deceased Mason. After careful consideration of all the details presented, your Committee were of the opinion that Grand Lodge should not be called upon for assistance in this case and recommend accordingly.

2. From the Secretary of Wapella Lodge No. 37 asking that a grant be made from the Benevolent Fund to help liquidate a debt contracted to help a brother in distressed circumstances. After considering this case very carefully your committee feel that while these brethren should be highly commended for exhibiting the true spirit of Masonry in coming to this brother's assistance nevertheless consider that it is a responsibility which should be assumed by the Lodge and so recommend.

3. From Duck Lake Lodge No. 13 requesting assistance for a brother who had been ill in hospital and would not be able to work for at least a year. In this case your Committee would recommend that a grant of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) be made.

Fraternally submitted,

W. McCAULEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson submitted the following report, which on motion of M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson and R.W. Bro. J. N. Bayne, was received and adopted.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We your Committee on Printing and Supplies beg to report that during the year we have secured all necessary office supplies.

The printing of the annual proceedings was let to the lowest tender.

R.W. Bro. J. W. Cram who was Chairman of this Committee died during his term of office and the chairman's duties were taken over by M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson.

Fraternally submitted.

C. O. DAVIDSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

R.W. Bro. J. N. Bayne submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bros. J. N. Bayne and A. G. Rawlinson, was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Finance Committee has examined the accounts presented for payment by the Grand Secretary during the year, and these, when properly supported by certified vouchers, have been paid.

The financial activities of Grand Lodge, with complete statements of receipts and expenditures, will be found in the duly audited reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, which are ready for your perusal.

During the year \$1,930.00 were invested in Dominion Bonds. From the funds which will probably be on hand at the end of next August, when the semi-annual returns are received, we would recommend that the sum of \$2,000.00 be invested in Federal or Provincial Securities.

Following are the estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year:

Receipts

Balance brought forward		\$ 5,156.82
Membership fees	\$ 7,900.00	
Initiation fees	2,700.00	
Affiliation fees	250.00	
Commuted life membership fees	450.00	
Past Master's certificates	100.00	
Dispensations and Charters	265.00	
Special Dispensations	300.00	
Interest	1,100.00	
Sale of publications	600.00	
		<u>13,665.00</u>
		\$ 18,821.82

Expenditures

Salaries and Honoraria:		
Grand Secretary	\$ 3,000.00	
Assistant Grand Secretary	1,800.00	
Grand Treasurer	200.00	
Auditor	500.00	
Grand Tyler	20.00	
Com. on foreign correspondence	200.00	
Sundry office assistance	150.00	
Library, cataloging, etc.	225.00	
Furniture for Grand Lodge Office and Lib..	800.00	
Moving to new Masonic Temple	50.00	
		<u>6,945.00</u>
Office rent		1,380.00
Travelling:		
D.D.G.Ms.	900.00	
Board of General Purposes	450.00	
District Meetings	500.00	
General	300.00	
		<u>2,150.00</u>
General Expenses	1,500.00	
Relief	750.00	
Grand Master's Testimonial	200.00	
Printing	700.00	
Purchase of Publications	150.00	
		<u>13,775.00</u>
Estimated surplus at end of year		5,046.82
		<u>\$ 18,821.82</u>

As may be gathered from the above, your Finance Committee is favorable to the transfer of Grand Lodge offices to the new Masonic Temple now being erected on Lorne Street, Regina, facing Victoria Park.

The Committee records with profound regret its loss in the passing of one of its most valued members in the person of R.W. Bro. Cram, who was called to The Grand Lodge above early in February of this year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. N. BAYNE, Chairman.

SPECIAL ORDER

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that the election of Officers would take place at 10.30 a.m. Thursday.

The hour having arrived for adjournment, Grand Lodge was called from labor at 5.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

FIRST DAY EVENING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 p.m., M.W. Bro. Gilbert Swain, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representative present.

ADDRESS—THE INVESTITURE OF A MASON

W. Bro. Dr. P. L. Straith (186) delivered a most instructive and interesting address on "The Investiture of a Mason". On motion of W. Bro. R.W. Asselstine (92) and M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson (2) it was resolved that Grand Lodge express their appreciation of the address of W. Bro. Straith and that it be printed in pamphlet form and circulated among the lodges.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution:

It was moved by V.W. Bro. C. A. Cooke (186) and seconded by R.W. Bro. J. R. York (136) that section 147, page 56 of the Constitution be deleted.

On the motion being put it was declared lost.

It was moved by W. Bro. W.M. Atkin (70) and seconded by W. Bro. F. W. Imhoff (70), that Rules 66 and 67, page 91 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months, the Secretary shall notify the member of the default and in case of the default continuing, the Secretary shall again demand payment of such accumulated arrears at the end of the thirteenth and fourteenth months respectively. Should these notices prove ineffective and the default has not been excused by the Lodge upon the application of such brother, the Secretary shall issue to him a notice by registered mail at the end of the fifteenth month, to the effect that the non-payment of such arrears within one month thereafter will of itself operate as a suspension and exclude the brother from all privileges of Masonry, until restored to good standing in accordance with the Constitution, and the Secretary shall thereupon at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, report the brother as so suspended."

"The signing of the Lodge By-laws by a brother shall be considered to be an acknowledgement by him that the dues are a debt due by him to the Lodge."

On the motion being put it was declared lost.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson and seconded by R.W. Bro. A. M. Bell (74), that a Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution, the report of such Committee to be submitted at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1927.

On the motion being put it was declared lost.

REPORT OF BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

M.W. Bro. J. McCauley, President, submitted the report of the Board of Benevolence as follows.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

I have the honor to submit for your approval, the report of the activities of the Benevolent Fund Trustees for the year 1925-26.

It is the opinion of your Trustees that a misconception still exists among some of the Brethren, and indeed, among some lodges, in that the Benevolent Fund is intended to relieve the constituent lodges of all responsibility relative to furnishing assistance to the needy of their household.

This fund was not designed and is not intended to assist all who need and deserve financial help, that is not possible or desirable; the helpful hand would wither if deprived of the privilege of exercising local benevolence, and the brightest jewel in the Masonic crown would lose its luster by lack of use.

The Constitution says: "Grants made to a Brother or to the widow, orphans and dependants of a deceased brother, are to be considered as supplementary to the relief given by the Lodge recommending the application."

The logical interpretation of the Constitution would imply, emphasized by the teachings of Masonry, that this fund is only intended to furnish aid in isolated cases where the burden of caring for the needy Brother, Widow and Orphan, is too great to be borne by the constituent Lodge and Brethren. It is not designed to supplant local benevolence.

The Benevolent Fund has been built up by placing to capital account, all donations, assessments, and earnings not required for relief.

It has been called to the attention of your Trustees that rule 12 of the benevolent fund regulations has not been complied with, in as much as the interest earnings of the fund have been transferred to Capital Account instead of being carried from year to year in a separate Bank Account. Rule 12 reads as follows:

"The interest accruing from time to time from capital account shall be placed in a separate fund and shall be at the disposal of the Board of Trustees for purposes of relief as provided for in Rule 10."

Your Trustees believe that for the present, the best interest of the fund will be served if the surplus earnings continue to be applied to Capital Account from time to time, reserving only sufficient to take care of the calls that might reasonably be expected as we realize considerable larger earnings from the investments made from Capital Account than would be received from Bank interest; our investments being of such a nature that they could be converted into cash at once, should they be required for immediate relief.

Every claim presented to your board has been carefully investigated with sympathetic consideration. The real merit and efficiency of our efforts has necessarily depended quite largely upon the earnest co-operation of the Officers and Members of the constituent lodges, for upon them has fallen the duty of furnishing the detailed information, which enabled your Trustees to act intelligently in the premises.

The Officers and Members of the Lodges who are giving freely of their time and sympathy, in looking after the comfort and welfare of those less fortunate who are placed under their immediate care, are doing their full Masonic duty, and we appreciate their assistance and co-operation in our endeavours.

The following is a copy of a letter received by M.W. Bro. Tate, Secretary of The Board, from W. Bro. J. A. Newman (104), Regina.

"It is with great pleasure that I make the following report: Last spring while in your office you told me of several things regarding the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund one in particular being the case of the Brother who died over in England leaving a wife, two sons and a daughter, the wife dying a short time later and the children being left to the care of the Grandmother.

"I wrote to my dear old Mother in England and gave her the whole story and asked her to try and locate these kiddies. The following is her story that I received.

"Well dear lad, here we are with my report on the children that you asked me to look into. Dad and I went over to Twickenham last Thursday to the Boy's Home. We made ourselves known to the Head Master and he sent for the little boy. He is a very bright little chap and he told us that he was happy and comfortable and that he liked being there. We asked about his brother, and his sister who was staying with their Grannie; he said that they were all well, and then he gave me the address of the Grandmother. I wrote to her and asked them down to visit us, and last Saturday they came. The two boys, the girl and Grannie.

"We had a swell time and the kiddies sure enjoyed themselves. I told them that they could come down any time they liked, and they promised that they would be down as often as they could. The Grandmother said that it was lovely of the Masons of Saskatchewan to take such an interest in these kiddies and she could not begin to thank them for what they are doing for these poor little waifs.

"The oldest boy is learning to be a carpenter and the youngest a boot maker.

"The girl is about 8 years old, and what a fine strapping girl she is too, weighing $7\frac{1}{2}$ stone. They are going to have their picture taken and promised to send me one; when it comes I will send it out to you. I will let you know from time to time how they are getting along.



Orphan Children Being Cared For
By Grand Lodge Benevolent
Fund

"You will now see the results of your mentioning those facts to me. I told you at the time that my Mother would be pleased to see them.

"Our Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund is not known among the brethren of the Lodges as it should be. A wonderful work is there for those that want it.

"If at any future time my parents in England can be of assistance you have only to let me know, and they will be more than pleased to do anything in their power."

Yours fraternally.

J. A. NEWMAN

Your Board also received a very gratifying letter from V.W. Bro. Rev. J. Rance, St. George's Rectory, Battleford, Sask. His letter reads in part as follows: "During the year 1920-21, whilst a member of the Radisson Lodge No. 97 I was a member of the committee on benevolence, and we made an application to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund Trustees for assistance, in order to provide funds for the education of Miss E.B. a daughter of the late brother M. B.

"The Board of Benevolence at that time kindly made a grant of \$150.00 for this purpose.

"Miss B. entered the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta and has now completed the three years of training. This morning I was very pleased to receive a letter from Miss B. stating that she hopes to graduate on April, 14th.

"I am sending you this information as possibly the Board of Benevolence will be interested to know that their grant has been greatly appreciated and the daughter of one of our deceased brethren given a start in life. Expressions of appreciation are possibly less in number than the appeals.

"With kind personal regards, fraternally yours.—J. Rance."

Such letters as these should make Grand Lodge feel, that in creating and building up the Benevolent Fund, it has been prompted by the high ideal that the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man are above and superior to all other things on earth, and that this fund is fulfilling its mission.

All investments of the Capital Account during the year have been made as recommended by Grand Lodge and are in a safe and satisfactory condition.

A full report of contributions will be found in the Grand Secretary's report, the disbursements in the report of the Grand Treasurer and a list of all investments in the report of the Grand Auditor.

During the year three full meetings of the Board were held; on June 18th, 1925; November 28th, 1925 and April 15th 1926 and relief granted as follows:

1.	Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3, grant to widow of Bro. C. H.	\$225.00
2.	Evening Star Lodge No. 10, grant to widow of Bro. D.S.C.	200.00
3.	Yorkton Lodge No. 12, grant to widow of Bro. T.F.A.	200.00
4.	Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16, grant to Wife of Bro. F.B.	300.00
5.	Melfort Lodge No. 18, grant to Bro. L.	445.00
6.	Battle Lodge No. 19, grant to Widow and family of Bro. G.E.H.	225.00
7.	Swift Current Lodge No. 26, grant to Widow of Bro. H.A.R.	300.00
8.	Ionic Lodge No. 31, grant to widow of Bro. A.L.P.	300.00
9.	Davidson Lodge No. 33, grant to Bro. R. H.	455.00
10.	Prince Rupert Lodge No. 35, grant to widow of Bro. H.J.F.	360.00
11.	Aurora Lodge No. 45, grant to widow of Bro. F.M.	180.00
12.	Touchwood Lodge No. 51, grant to Bro. G.P.P.	240.00
13.	Canora Lodge No. 59, grant to Bro. M.H.	75.00
14.	Canora Lodge No. 59, grant to widow of Bro. J.F.R.	200.00
15.	Melville Lodge No. 62, grant to Bro. H.	300.00
16.	Eyebrow Lodge No. 67, grant to widow of Bro. H.M.C.	150.00
17.	Cypress Lodge No. 70, grant to Bro. C.V.W.	300.00
18.	Doric Lodge No. 71, grant to Bro. A.G.	180.00
19.	Doric Lodge No. 71, grant to Bro. C.C.McA.	75.00
20.	Unity Lodge No. 73, grant to Orphan Children of Bro. J.L.F.	300.00
21.	Tuscan Lodge No. 81, grant to Widow of Bro. G.W.B.	50.00
22.	Lodge Progress No. 92, grant to Wife and family of Bro. T.C.K.	300.00
23.	Evergreen Lodge No. 95, grant to Bro. W.J.W.	500.00
24.	Mortlach Lodge No. 107, grant to Widow and Family of Bro. C.S.F.	200.00
25.	Mortlach Lodge No. 107, grant to Bro. L.S.	300.00
26.	Limerick Lodge No. 109, grant to Bro. A.C.M.	300.00
27.	Broderick Lodge No. 113, grant to widow of Bro. D.K.B.	150.00
28.	Cadillac Lodge No. 126, grant to widow of Bro. T.H.	300.00
29.	Riverhurst Lodge No. 139, grant to widow and children of Bro. H.A.H.	420.00
30.	Viscount Lodge No. 151, grant to widow of Bro. B.	200.00
31.	Heward Lodge No. 29, grant to widow of Bro. L.	30.00
32.	Strasbourg Lodge No. 46, grant to widow of Bro. V.G.	60.00
33.	Buchanan Lodge No. 54, grant to Bro. G.C.G.	60.00
34.	Maryfield Lodge No. 94, grant for Bro. W.E.P.	200.00
35.	Welwyn Lodge No. 161, grant to Bro. M.L.	60.00
36.	Superannuation allowance to R.W. Bro. J.M.S.	800.00

Total

\$ 8,950.00

Grants No. 31 to 35 inclusive were made since the Books closed on March 31st.

At the meeting of the Board held on April 15th, 1926 the reports from the various lodges receiving grants during the year were carefully reviewed and the following grants were passed for the year 1926 and 1927:

1.	Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3—C.H.	\$200.00
2.	Evening Star Lodge No. 10—D.S.C.	200.00
3.	Yorkton Lodge No. 12—T.F.A.	50.00
4.	Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16—F.B.	300.00
5.	Melfort Lodge No. 18—L.	420.00
6.	Battle Lodge No. 19—G.E.H.	200.00
7.	Swift Current Lodge No. 26—H.A.R.	300.00

8. Heward Lodge No. 29—L.	60.00
9. Ionic Lodge No. 31—A.L.P.	300.00
10. Davidson Lodge No. 33—R.H.	420.00
11. Prince Rupert Lodge No. 35—H.J.F.	360.00
12. Aurora Lodge No. 45—F.M.	180.00
13. Strasbourg Lodge No. 46—V.G.	240.00
14. Touchwood Lodge No. 51—G.P.P.	360.00
15. Buchanan Lodge No. 54—C.C.G.	240.00
16. Melville Lodge No. 62—H.	420.00
17. Eyebrow Lodge No. 67—H.M.C.	200.00
18. Cypress Lodge No. 70—C.V.W.	300.00
19. Doric Lodge No. 71—A.G.	180.00
20. Doric Lodge No. 71—C.C.McA.	300.00
21. Unity Lodge No. 73—J.L.F.	300.00
22. Lodge Progress No. 92—T.C.K.	300.00
23. Mortlach Lodge No. 107—G.S.F.	200.00
24. Mortlach Lodge No. 107—L.S.	300.00
25. Limerick Lodge No. 109—A.C.M.	300.00
26. Broderick Lodge No. 113—D.K.B.	60.00
27. Cadillac Lodge No. 126—T.H.	300.00
28. Riverhurst Lodge No. 139—H.A.H.	420.00
29. Viscount Lodge No. 151—B.	200.00
30. Welwyn Lodge No. 161—M.L.	240.00
31. Imperial Lodge No. 60—	300.00

Total \$ 8,150.00

\$2,213.85 was contributed to the fund this year, in addition to the supplementary amounts reported to Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary last year, and since the books closed on March 31st, \$1,071.00 has been contributed, making the total contributions from June 17th, 1925 to date \$3,284.85; of this amount \$2,704.00 was contributed by lodges toward outstanding balances on the 1917 allotment, while \$597.35 represents additional contributions from lodges paid up on the 1917 allotment and contributions from Lodges instituted since that date and a contribution of \$1.50 from a non-Mason.

The following Lodges have cleaned up the amount of their outstanding allotment during the year: Kinistino Lodge No. 1. Carlyle Lodge No. 17. Davidson Lodge No. 33. Grayson Lodge No. 48. Canora Lodge No. 59. Cypress Lodge No. 70. Union Lodge No. 98.

We would like to call your special attention to the contribution from Azure Lodge No. 122, East End, of \$174.00. This lodge figured that it would take this amount to bring their payment up to an average contribution of Ten Dollars a member for every member on their roll up to June 1923, when the Constitution was amended requiring each Lodge to pay that amount on every initiate from that date. This is the first lodge in the Jurisdiction to recognize their obligation in this regard and we think are to be highly commended. This lodge has contributed a total of \$620.00 to the fund.

Your Trustees recommend that a systematic, vigorous and strenuous effort be put forth to have the lodges, which have not already done so, wipe out the balance of outstanding allotments in connection with the campaign of 1917, and that Lodges instituted since 1917, be asked to contribute on the same basis as the older lodges.

Scholarship Fund.

During the year we received one application for a loan from this Fund and complied with same by granting a loan to Mrs. F., the widow of a Mason, of \$400.00.

"Lord, we thank Thee that with lavish hand
 Thou dost spread plenty o'er this smiling land:
 We thank Thee for the harvests which we reap:
 And for each trust Thou givest us to keep;
 For homes and loved ones placed within our care;
 For health and strength we have in generous share;
 Lord, we thank Thee for all that Thou dost send;
 But most of all, for every faithful friend.
 Help us to serve; and let us ever see
 By serving others, we are serving Thee
 Teach us to love Thy law, to thus fulfil,
 In love and service, let us do thy will."

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. McCAULEY, P.G.M.
 President.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. J. McCauley seconded by M.W. Bro. A. Shepphard that the report be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by W. Bro. B. R. Masecar (16), seconded by Bro. J. H. Warren (16), that the following words be added to the motion: "and that the Board of Benevolence change the accounts in the books of the fund so that the capital will be separate from the interest of the fund and that the surplus revenue account be opened at this time with the amount which will correctly set the separate accounts up in the books from June 1921."

The amendment was declared carried and the report of the Board of Benevolence was received and adopted.

Grand Lodge was then called from labor at 11.30 p.m. until 9.30 a.m. Thursday June 17th.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.30 a.m. Thursday, June 17th, M.W. Bro. Gilbert Swain, Grand Master, on the Throne, Grand Lodge Officers, Members and Representatives present.

NOMINATIONS—BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The Grand Secretary announced that the following brethren had been nominated for the Board of General Purposes: N.R. Craig (71), A. C. Garner (154), M.A. MacKay (76), W. J. McKay (7), C. P. Moore (20), J. McGregor (60), F. Parks (177), A. G. Rawlinson (6), W. E. Read (4).

NOMINATIONS—BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The Grand Secretary announced that the following brethren had been nominated for the Board of Benevolence: D. A. Kingsbury (40), B. R. Masecar (16), A. Shepphard (2), R. Young (1).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS AND JURISPRUDENCE

M.W. Bro. R. Young submitted the following report, which on motion of M.W. Bros. R. Young and W.M. Thomson was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We your Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence beg to report as follows:

We have examined the address of the Grand Master and are pleased to note the progress being made in all departments of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee are pleased to concur in all the rulings of the Grand Master as set out in his address.

The question of Lodge boundaries has been referred to your Committee and we submit that lodges have not the power to fix sectional boundaries by agreement but must be governed as to distance between lodges by a direct line or in other words as the crow flies.

Fraternally submitted.

R. YOUNG, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

R.W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bros. J. O. Clarke and J. McGregor, was received and adopted.

To the M.W., the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The tribute we pay to our departed craftsmen is a loving service which we are privileged to render those who have gone before, but whose ideals, works and memories are still around us.

It is consoling to think of death not as a terminal but no more than an incident. It is not a crash but a mere change of cars. We pass out of our physical bodies and proceed in our spiritual bodies, invisible to be sure to most mortal eyes, but bodies none the less and made of something fit to hold and continue personality.

Your Committee have read with sympathetic interest the memorials of those brethren in our grand jurisdiction who since our last annual communication have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above, and it is fitting that we should at this time record in our proceedings some expression of appreciation of the splendid qualities which adorned their lives and which are left to us as a beneficial heritage.

With few exceptions they were men who not only had received honors in Masonry as the reward of faithful service but also had been esteemed in their several communities for those qualities and accomplishments which mark the good citizen. "Mightier than any power of speech is the living dead. Nothing can so silence the cavils

of our enemies and recommend so strongly to the thoughtful man our beloved Order than the consistent lives of living witnesses to its sublime principles."

In many instances, the families of the departed are yet in our midst, calling upon us mutely for sympathy in their bereavements, and sometimes for unasked aid. Perhaps a thriving business, a lucrative professional practice or a brilliant career brought to its peak of success by the now quiet hand, is carrying on a useful service for us all. Everywhere we look, almost, we see evidences of the ideals, dreams and accomplishments which have been left to us and to others to carry still further.

It is always our desire to honor and praise those who have passed beyond the line of which we, still retaining human consciousness, have little conception. They are not here now, excepting through their works, and it does make us understand better that all the works of all men ought to be worthy of a place in the world. We all desire to leave behind us monuments to good, to principle and to Masonry, for a good deed lives forever, and in that, at least, we have eternal life.

Scarcely one of us can conceive of complete obliteration of consciousness, and we do not have any proof of how this consciousness is to be carried on. There is one thing we can do, however, and that is to let our deeds live, and your Committee firmly believe that all Masons who make an effort to live up to the standards of the Order leave a creditable imprint upon the universe. Our institution has endured for centuries because every succeeding generation has recognized its merit and embraced it.

Your Committee feel that of the 66 brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction who have answered the final summons not one but has stamped in some way the motives and purposes of the Masonic brotherhood upon all those who have been associated with him, and although they have passed through the Valley of the Shadow we are consoled by the fact that their personalities persist. Your Committee recommend that suitable memorial pages in the printed proceedings of this communication of Grand Lodge be dedicated to their memory.

Included in the list of those who have passed to their reward are some outstanding figures in the history and development of this Grand Lodge, some who at the time of their decease were either officers or past officers of this Grand body or particularly prominent in their respective local lodges.

One of the founders of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in the person of R.W. Bro. John Milton Shaw has been admitted to the Grand Lodge above. He was born in Cayuga, Ont., in April 1859, graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from Trinity College, Toronto, in 1880 and as such practiced successfully in the Province of Ontario until his removal to Regina in 1905. Having been made a Mason in Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield, Ont. in 1882, he served a term as W.M. of Keene Lodge No. 374, Keene, Ont. with which he affiliated that year, and later became D.D.G.M. of District No. 12 of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

His ability and experience in Masonic matters enabled him to make a notable contribution to the Craft in Saskatchewan particularly at the time of the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1906 when he

was installed as its first Grand Secretary which office he served faithfully until ill health in 1914 forced his retirement to a new home and new surroundings at Victoria B.C. It was there he passed away on March 25th, 1926, and his remains were laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park of that city with full Masonic honors.

Our late brother was beloved in the Grand Jurisdiction. It may be truly said that the real spirit of fraternity, sincere good will toward his fellow man and unselfishness in his daily conduct were some of the predominating traits of his always pleasing personality. The brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, particularly those who were associated with him in the early days of Grand Lodge, feel keenly his departure and all are indebted to him for the splendid contribution he made to Freemasonry in Saskatchewan.

During the year under review Grand Lodge was bereaved through the death on February 8th, 1926, of one of its officers, R.W. Bro. John Wilberforce Cram, Grand Registrar.

Our late brother was born in Lanark County, Ontario, in the year 1870, was made a Mason in Wascana Lodge No. 2 of which he was installed W.M. in 1912. He served a term as D.D.G.M. of District No. 2 in 1914 and the same year was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes in which capacity he acted until his death. The brethren of Grand Lodge selected him as Grand Registrar at the last annual communication held at Saskatoon in June 1925.

R.W. Bro. Cram was a most faithful attendant at all the communications of this Grand Body and the Board of General Purposes and his genial countenance and hearty handshake will be missed. He performed the various duties allotted to him with care and assiduity, was ever zealous of the honor of the Craft, and his sound judgment and wide business experience were ever available in the interests of Grand Lodge.

While much more might be expressed by your Committee in reference to our late lamented R.W. Brothers Shaw and Cram, yet it feels that in view of the very complete memorial letters issued by the M.W. the Grand Master, and ordered by him to be read in all constituent lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction it were better to append copies of these letters to this report in order that they may appear in their entirety in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Frederick Stanley Proctor died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B.C. on January 11th, 1926. He was a P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 and for a number of years a member of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge and as such served several terms as Chairman of the Committee on Necrology.

R.W. Bro. Wm. McGowan died at his home at Tisdale, Sask. on December 11th, 1925. R.W. Bro. McGowan was the first W.M. of Tisdale Lodge No. 76 and also served a term as D.D.G.M. of District No. 1.

Another P.D.D.G.M. in the person of R.W. Bro. W. L. Craddock of Lanigan also passed to the Great Beyond recently. He was D.D.G.M. of District No. 10.

R.W. Bro. R. A. Lee, M.D. died December 5th, 1925 during his term of office as D.D.G.M. of District No. 6.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved families and lodges, and we would remind them in the words of the poet,—

“There is no death; the leaves may fall
And flowers may fade away;
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of the May.”

Fraternally submitted.

J. ORVILLE CLARKE,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson and W. Bro. C. L. Riach was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Shortly after the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I, as Chairman, received a letter from the M.W. the Grand Master suggesting that no more circulars be issued until after the District Meetings had been held. I therefore advised the Grand Secretary accordingly and although he had a draft copy for a circular on hand I did not allow it to be issued.

At the District Meetings the afternoon session at each meeting was almost entirely devoted to the work of Masonic Education and Research.

As a result of these meetings much useful information was gathered by your Committee and it was obvious that this Committee was not obtaining the objects for which it was appointed or the results that were anticipated

As soon as the District Meetings were concluded your Chairman called a meeting of the Committee which was held in the office of the Grand Secretary. This meeting was attended by your Chairman, M.W. Bro. Tate, R.W. Bro. Riach, and V.W. Bro. Cooke. We were also fortunate in having the M.W. the Grand Master present.

At this meeting plans for the coming year were made. It was evident in the past that the Committee were not catering to the rank and file of Masonry and we endeavored to lay out a plan of study that would be more acceptable to a greater number of the Craft. We suggested a definite programme, and in response to the many requests received at District Meetings, gave two sample programmes as a basis for lodges to work on. As most of you are aware each month from November last to June this year we have issued a circular letter dealing with the subject matter in each of the programmes.

That this meets with the approval of the majority is shown by the many samples of programmes, and letters of appreciation received by your Committee. We cannot refrain from referring to the programme drawn up by Delisle Lodge No. 99 as being an object lesson in this phase of the work.

The Committee wish to express their appreciation to all members of the Craft who assisted them in preparing the circulars throughout the year as without the co-operation of all brethren it would be impossible for this Committee to function as it should.

To the various Lodges and Study Clubs who received different members of the Committee during the season the Committee express their thanks for the many courtesies and hospitality extended to them on all and every occasion. Your Chairman regrets that owing to unavoidable circumstances he was unable to be present at the Moore Jaw Study Club annual re-union this being the first annual meeting of this Study Club he has not attended. The Regina Study Club has been very active and accomplished much good work, terminating their season with a very successful evening at which Bro. Dr. W. Hutcheson, Executive Secretary, of Masonic Education in North Dakota, gave a splendid address on Masonic Service which was a real treat for those privileged to hear it. This Club is to be much commended in bringing out in book form all addresses delivered at their meetings during the past two years, thus preserving for the Craft much material which is bound to be of service in years to come.

From the favorable comments of the D.D.G.Ms. in their reports and from the ever increasing enquiries and letters your Committee are led to believe that their efforts to help out along the line of Masonic Education and Research are being appreciated by the members of the Craft throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted.

A. G. RAWLINSON,
Chairman

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly submitted the following report, which on motion of R.W. Bros. F. B. Reilly and A. G. Rawlinson, was received and adopted.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as follows:

Again it has been our privilege to enter your names on the books, as being in attendance at this Annual Communication. We note the changes, some new faces to greet, some old ones missing. The personnel of our Committee too has changed.

Our old friend R.W. Bro. Cram, long associated with this Committee, since last Communication has registered in the Grand Lodge above, and while we miss his genial comments on our work, his spirit is ever at our elbow prompting in the same old way.

Fast as the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love
Each pearl that leaves the broken string,
Is set in Friendship's crown above.
As narrower grows the earthly chain,
The Circle widens in the sky,
These are our treasures that remain,
But those are stars that beam on high.

We find on the Register 187 lodges entitled to be represented and one lodge under dispensation not entitled to representation.

We find 40 lodges have no representative present.

13 lodges have Master and two wardens.

30 Lodges are represented by Past Master only.

There are 94 Masters present

There are 92 Wardens present.

There are 377 members present to whom we have issued 635 ballots.

If we were to judge by appearances we would say that some of you take yourselves too seriously, we would therefore ask you to consider the following.

If we could push ajar the gates of life
And stand within, and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,
And for each mystery find a key.
But not to-day. Then be content poor heart.
God's plans, like lillies pure and white unfold,
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
And if through patient toil, we reach the land
Where tired feet, with sandals loosed, may rest,
Then we shall clearly see and understand,
I think we shall say, "God know the best".
All of which fraternally submitted.

F. B. REILLY.

Chairman

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

On motion of M.W. Bros. C. O. Davidson and J. H. Anderson it was resolved that the twenty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held in the City of Moose Jaw.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The hour having arrived for the election of officers the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, R.W. Bros. A. G. Rawlinson, W. J. McKay, J. A. Thompson and W. Bro. R. N. Smith, as scrutineers. The result of the balloting was as follows:

R.W. Bro. W. J. Smith (110)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin (2)	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. J. K. Irwin (26)	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. J. O. Clarke (68)	Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly (2)	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate (6)	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke (136)	Grand Registrar
Bro. D. MacGregor (104)	Grand Tyler

Board of General Purposes

The following brethren were elected to the Board of General Purposes for two years: N. R. Craig (71), A. G. Rawlinson (6), C. P. Moore (20), J. McGregor (60), M. A. MacKay (76), W. J. McKay (7); and for one year W. E. Read (4).

Board of Benevolence

The following brethren were elected Trustees of the Benevolent Fund for the ensuing three years: D. A. Kingsbury (40), R. Young (1).

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

It was moved by W. Bro. F. W. Hart (5) and seconded by R.W. Bro. E. Mitchell (14), that Rule 12, page 94 of the Constitution be amended by adding, after the words "capital account", the following "and the annual per capita levy".

And that a new Rule be made, numbered 14, to read as follows: "At the end of the financial year, the Board of Trustees shall place to the credit of the Capital Account the amount in the separate fund in excess of five thousand dollars."

On the motion being put it was declared lost.

NOTICE OF MOTION

R.W. Bro. F. B. Williams (147) gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would move that the Grand Lodge semi-annual fees for The Benevolent Fund be increased from twenty cents to fifty cents per member per half year.

VOTE OF THANKS

On motion of R.W. Bros. J. K. Irwin and J. R. Yorke it was resolved that, the very best thanks of this Grand Lodge are and hereby tendered to the brethren of the Regina Lodges for their kindness and courtesy in placing cars at the disposal of the visiting delegates and their ladies and also for the excellent banquet tendered to the delegates in the Trading Company Hall.

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin and M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson it was resolved that, a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Appointed Officers, the Credential Committee and the Scrutineers for the accurate, courteous and painstaking manner in which they transacted their various duties at this Annual Communication.

Grand Lodge was called from labor at 12.30 p.m. until 2 p.m.

SECOND DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 p.m. M.W. Bro. Gilbert Swain, on the throne, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

All business to come before Grand Lodge having been transacted, the M.W. the Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate to act as Installing Officer assisted by M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson and the newly elected Grand Officers were duly installed.

The following brethren, selected by their respective districts, were then appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master as District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year and obligated and invested.

W. Bro. J. R. Graham, No. 1	W. Bro. E. G. Brand, No. 10
W. Bro. A. A. Wilson, No. 2	W. Bro. C. G. Kearns, No. 11
W. Bro. R. Wilson, No. 3	W. Bro. F. James, No. 12
W. Bro. J. A. Wilson, No. 4	W. Bro. N. H. Swallow, No. 13
W. Bro. G. H. Johnson, No. 5	W. Bro. C. C. Shattuck, No. 14
W. Bro. W. A. Couves, No. 6	W. Bro. F.W.D. Thompson, No. 15
W. Bro. T. J. Ford, No. 7	W. Bro. J. N. Smith, No. 16
W. Bro. W. E. Read, No. 9	

The following brethren also appointed to office for the ensuing year by the Grand Master were duly invested:

Bro. Rev. Bert Howard (99)	Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. W. J. Whitton (66)	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. F. T. Fraser (76)	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. K. R. MacKenzie (3)	Grand D. of C.
W. Bro. W. J. Nickle (151)	Grand Supt. of Works
Bro. A. J. Leigh (49)	Grand Organist
W. Bro. C. B. Atkin (70)	Grand Pursuivant

GRAND STEWARDS

W. Bro. A. Dickson (5)	W. Bro. H. Gibson (132)
W. Bro. G. T. Brooks (23)	W. Bro. F. P. Anderson (149)
W. Bro. G. D. Gray (30)	W. Bro. G. L. Baal (167)
W. Bro. S. MacDonald (48)	W. Bro. L. J. McNichol (133)

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the elected and appointed Officers of Grand Lodge duly installed and invested for the ensuing twelve months.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING GRAND MASTER

Following the installation of the Grand Officers, M.W. Bro. R. Young on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Gilbert Swain, with a Past Grand Master's set of regalia in appreciation of his services to Grand Lodge during the past year.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Twentieth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 3 30 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



W. B. Tate

Grand Secretary.

Memorials

In Memoriam

To the
Memory
Of

Distinguished Brethren
Of
Sister Grand Jurisdictions

Who Have Died During
The Past Year

1925-1926

JOHN MILTON SHAW, M.D., C.M.

Past Grand Secretary

passed away at his home in the City of Victoria, B.C., on the afternoon of Thursday, March 25th, 1926, at the age of 67 years.

Our departed brother was born at Cayuga, Ontario, in April, 1859, being a son of the Rev. John Shaw, D.D., for many years a minister of the Methodist Church in Canada, and his wife Isabella. He was educated in several of the public schools of Ontario, and at the Port Hope High School and the Jarvis Sreet Collegiate Institute in Toronto. He graduated with his professional degrees from Trinity College, Toronto, in 1880 and practiced his profession in Ontario until 1905, when he retired after a successful career of twenty-five years and removed to Regina.

Our late Brother was married in 1882 to Miss Kate Dennis of Weston, Ontario, and they were the parents of five children, four of whom survive.

He was made a Mason in Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield, Ontario, in 1882, and transferred his membership to Keene Lodge No. 374, Keene, Ontario, the same year, serving as Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1885, and later becoming D.D.G.M. of District No. 12 in Ontario.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter No. 35 at Peterborough, Ontario, in 1888 and was appointed the Grand Superintendent of Ontario District No. 10 in the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1904.

He was created a Knight Templar in 1896 and became a member of Rameses Temple in Toronto, A.A.O.N.M.S., in 1905.

On his removal to Regina in 1905 he affiliated with Wascana Lodge No. 21, Grand Register of Manitoba, afterwards No. 2, Grand Register of Saskatchewan, and later became an Honorary Member of a number of other Lodges in the Province.

He also affiliated with Wascana Chapter Royal Arch Masons and took an active part in that work.

In 1909 he assisted in the formation of Wascana Preceptory No. 51 of the Knight Templars, becoming Presiding Preceptor in 1910, and in 1912 was appointed Grand Vice Chancellor of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

However, it may truly be said that it was in connection with the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, in the formation of which body he took an active part and of which he was Grand Secretary from its inception on August 9th, 1906 until his health broke down in 1914, that Brother Shaw's deepest Masonic interests lay, and notwithstanding the fact that he was compelled on account of his health to remove to a distant Province the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan remained the dearest thing to the heart of our departed Brother. Dr. Shaw was the personification of unselfishness and those of us who served with him in the formative years of the history of our Grand Lodge will ever cherish his worth as a man and a Mason.

The funeral of our late Brother took place on Saturday afternoon, March 27th, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan being represented at same by Right Worshipful Brother Robert Baird and all that was mortal of our dear Brother was laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park, Victoria, B.C., with the solemn ceremonies of the Craft.

JOHN WILBERFORCE CRAM

Grand Registrar

died in the early morning of Monday, February 8th, 1926, in the Grey Nuns' Hospital.

Our late brother was born at Appleton, Lanark County, Ontario in the year 1870, and received his early education there and at Carlton Place. In 1902 he came West to Regina and engaged in his occupation as printer on the staff of the Leader Publishing Company. In August, 1904, he entered the service of the Government of the North-West Territories and continued in service under the Saskatchewan Government in the department of the King's Printer, and was made Assistant King's Printer in May, 1914, which position he held until his death.

Brother Cram was twice married, in 1895 to Miss M. McClenaghan of Carlton Place, who died in 1923, and in August 1925, to Mrs. Ivy Creswell. He has no surviving children with the exception of an adopted daughter and it is interesting in this connection to learn that the Order in Council changing this child's name to Cram was signed about one week prior to his death.

Our late brother was initiated February 21st, 1905, passed April 19th, 1905, and raised May 17th, 1905 in Wascana Lodge No. 2. He was installed as Master of Wascana Lodge in 1912 and made a Life Member March 2nd, 1920.

In Grand Lodge he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 2 in 1914, appointed to and acted on the Board of General Purposes 1914 to date of his death, and elected Grand Registrar in 1925.

He received the Perfection Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Regina Lodge of Perfection on June 19th, 1911, his eighteenth in Regina Chapter Rose Croix on May 17th, 1916, and his thirty-second in Saskatchewan Consistory on May 20th, 1921, and held the offices of Grand Orator in the Lodge of Perfection, and Second General in the Rose Croix at the time of his death.

Bro. Cram was known to the outside world as an all-around good fellow and a keen sportsman, and to the Craft as a Brother who accepted equally the tasks assigned to him and the honors awarded to him in a manner befitting an eminent Craftsman and a tried member of our Order, and his absence from our councils and assemblies will long be felt.

TO THE MEMORY OF

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

F. S. PROCTOR

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT NO. 9, 1908

GRAND REGISTRAR, 1910

TO THE MEMORY OF

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

WILLIAM MCGOWAN

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT NO. 1, 1918

TO THE MEMORY OF

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

W. L. CRADDOCK

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT NO. 10, 1917

TO THE MEMORY OF

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

ROBERT A. LEE

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DISTRICT NO. 6, 1925

In Memoriam

No.	Lodge	Name
1	Kinistino	Alexander Laidlaw
2	Wascana	Arthur M. Fenwick John W. Cram Harold Stevenson
3	Moose Jaw	Thomas J. McCammon David B. Alexander James Staples Thomas H. Griffith
4	Qu'Appelle Valley	Frederick S. Proctor
5	Indian Head	Ernest H. Gough James Conn
7	Moosomin	Alexander G. Hamilton Edward C. Gross
9	Maple Leaf	W. A. Douglas
11	N.W.M.P.	William J. Bishop
12	Yorkton	Thomas F. Acheson Frederick Ellis
16	Saskatchewan	George H. Bottenhorn
20	Weyburn	Arthur L. Bird
21	Arcola	Sanford McNeil Robert Watkin
22	Rosthern	Archibald B. Stewart
24	Wolseley	William P. Osler
26	Swift Current	John W. Hudson
27	Alameda	Robert A. Lee
29	Heward	Rosco W. Levanway
30	New Hope	Charles Robinson
35	Prince Rupert	David B. Neeley
37	Wapella	Alexander F. Baker
40	Rouleau	Thomas J. How
42	Caron	Andrew D. Gallagher
44	Landmark	Hugh H. Wilcox

No.	Lodge	Name
60	Imperial	E. M. Snell Herbert L. Martin
61	Rocanville	George W. Chase
64	Manitou	John McArthur
66	Wynyard	John Kirkpatrick
67	Eye brow	Henry M. Collins
71	Doric	John F. Monck
72	Corinthian	Norman W. Anderson
76	Tisdale	William McGowan
81	Tuscan	James P. I. Clancy
85	Zealandia	William Anderson
87	Wadena	Peter J. Youngquist
91	Rosetown	Charles T. Melly
92	Lodge Progress	William H. G. Armstrong
94	Maryfield	William Toone James Reid Walter E. Perry
95	Evergreen	Thomas Cunningham
101	Acacia	August W. Dahms
103	Composite	Thomas Kay
104	King Hiram	Charles H. Child Willard B. Jones
107	Mortlach	George D. Robertson
113	Broderick	David K. Bennett
114	Central Butte	Uriah Runions
124	Mount Hermon	Evan R. Jones
134	Eston	Edward Scarlett
137	Tyrian	William J. Strong
138	Kincaid	Donald McLachlan William S. Comstock
153	Blaine Lake	A. W. Armstrong
154	Banner	Frederick A. Van Camp William R. W. Parsons William Armon
155	Raymore	Alexander J. Nelles
157	Bredenburg	James Montgomery
181	Tuberose	David A. Lytle

APPENDIX

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

Elected at its foundation, August, 1906, and annually since.

Year	G. M.	D. G. M.	G. S. W.	G. J. W.	C. Treas.	C. Sec'y.	C. Regist.
1906	H. H. Campkin.	C. O. Davidson	H. Jagger	W. B. Tate.	Alex. Sheppard.	J. M. Shaw	A. H. Smith
1907	H. H. Campkin.	C. O. Davidson	H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	Alex. Sheppard.	J. M. Shaw	A. H. Smith
1908	C. O. Davidson	H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	J. McGuirl	Alex. Sheppard.	J. M. Shaw	H. C. Lisle
1909	H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	Wm. Hopkins	J. McGuirl	Alex. Sheppard	J. M. Shaw	A. C. Patterson
1910	W. B. Tate	Wm. Hopkins	A. S. Gorrell	W. B. Willoughby	Alex. Sheppard.	J. M. Shaw	F. S. Proctor
1911	Wm. Hopkins	A. S. Gorrell	W. B. Willoughby	L. T. McDonald	Alex. Sheppard	J. M. Shaw	D. P. Kennedy
1912	A. S. Gorrell	W. B. Willoughby	L. T. McDonald	W. M. Thomson	Alex. Sheppard	J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1913	W. B. Willoughby	L. T. McDonald	W. M. Thomson	J. H. Anderson	Alex. Sheppard	J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1914	L. T. McDonald	W. M. Thomson	J. H. Anderson	J. Montgomery	Alex. Sheppard	J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1915	W. M. Thomson	J. H. Anderson	R. Young	C. Stewart	Alex. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1916	J. H. Anderson	J. McCauley	R. Young	N. B. Williams	Alex. Sheppard.	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1917	J. McCauley	R. Young	N. B. Williams	E. L. Elwood.	Alex. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1918	R. Young	N. B. Williams	E. L. Elwood.	G. M. Weir	Alex. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1919	N. B. Williams	E. L. Elwood.	G. M. Weir	J. E. McFee	Alex. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1920	E. L. Elwood.	G. M. Weir	A. Sheppard.	J. W. MacNeill	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1921	G. M. Weir	A. Sheppard	J. W. MacNeill	D. A. Kingsbury.	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1922	A. Sheppard	J. W. MacNeill	D. A. Kingsbury.	G. Swain	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1923	J. W. MacNeill	D. A. Kingsbury.	G. Swain	W. J. Smith	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1924	D. A. Kingsbury.	G. Swain	W. J. Smith	W. M. Martin	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1925	G. Swain	W. J. Smith	W. M. Martin	J. K. Irwin	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. W. Cram
1926	W. J. Smith	W. M. Martin	J. K. Irwin	J. O. Clarke	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**Members by Virtue of Office**

M.W. Bros. W. J. Smith (110), G. Swain (60), D. A. Kingsbury (40), J. W. MacNeill (19), A. Shepphard (2), G. M. Weir (60), N. B. Williams (77), R. Young (1), J. McCauley (3), J. H. Anderson (16), W. M. Thomson (4), L. T. McDonald (2), W. B. Willoughby (3), A. S. Gorrell (11), W. Hopkins (16), W. B. Tate (6), H. Jagger (3), C. O. Davidson (2), R.W. Bros. W. M. Martin (2), F. B. Reilly (2), J. R. Yorke (136).

Honorary Members

M.W. Bros. J. A. Ovas (Winnipeg), L. Morris (Vancouver).

Elected Members

Term expiring 1927—R.W. Bros. J. N. Bayne (2), A. M. Bell (74), J. O. Clarke (68), J. K. Irwin (26), W. McCauley (3), W. E. Read (4).

Term expiring 1928—R.W. Bros. N. R. Craig (71), C. P. Moore (20), J. McGregor (60), M. A. MacKay (76), W. J. McKay, (7), A. G. Rawlinson (6).

Officers

R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin President
R.W. Bro. N. R. Craig Vice-President
M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate Secretary

Standing Committees

Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence.—M.W. Bro. R. Young, Chairman; M.W. Bros. J. McCauley, A. S. Gorrell, A. Shepphard, J. W. MacNeill.

Grievances and Appeals.—R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, Chairman; M.W. Bros. W. M. Thomson, N. B. Williams, J. H. Anderson, R.W. Bro. N. R. Craig.

Condition of Masonry.—R.W. Bro. C. P. Moore, Chairman; M.W. Bro. D. A. Kingsbury, R.W. Bros. J. N. Bayne, W. J. McKay, W. McCauley.

Foreign Correspondence and Relations.—M.W. Bro. W. M. Thomson, Chairman; M.W. Bros. A. S. Gorrell, W. B. Willoughby, R.W. Bros. M. A. MacKay, A. G. Rawlinson.

Finance.—R.W. Bro. J. N. Bayne, Chairman; R.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, Vice-Chairman; M.W. Bro. A. Shepphard, R.W. Bros. J. McGregor, A. G. Rawlinson.

Masonic Relief and Charity.—R.W. Bro. W. McCauley, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, R.W. Bros. A. M. Bell, N. R. Craig, J. R. Yorke.

Charters.—R.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly, Chairman; M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson, R.W. Bros. A. M. Bell, J. O. Clarke, W. E. Read.

Necrology.—R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay, Chairman; R.W. Bros. J. K. Irwin, J. McGregor, A. G. Rawlinson, W. E. Read.

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Board of Benevolence

For term expiring 1929, M.W. Bros. D. A. Kingsbury, R. Young.

For term expiring 1928, M.W. Bros. N. B. Williams, W. B. Willoughby.

For term expiring 1927, M.W. Bros. J. H. Anderson, J. McCauley.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

To Sask—	Jurisdiction—	From Sask.—
Robt. Young..... P. Albert	Alabama	J. D. Pruet..... Boaz
F. G. Lewin..... Saskatoon	Alberta	W. J. Botterill..... Red Deer
Wm. McCauley..... Moose Jaw	Arkansas	M. J. Manning..... Clarendon
J. R. Yorke..... Moose Jaw	B. Columbia	Wm. Henderson..... Victoria
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D. Bannatyne..... Estevan	Delaware	J. F. Robinson..... Wilmington
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W. B. Willoughby..... M. Jaw	England	J. Obed Smith..... London
W. L. Cameron..... L'minster	Florida	C. H. Stewart..... Melbourne
H. C. Speller..... Broadview	Georgia	J. T. Lee..... Rochelle
J. W. Attewell..... Wilkie	Idaho	H. P. Glinderman..... C.e'Alene
G. F. Davidson..... Regina	Illinois	W. C. Rapp..... Chicago
C. Hooker..... Woodrow	Indiana	H. B. Tuthill..... Mich. City
N. B. Williams..... Abernethy	Iowa	F. S. Moses..... Clinton
W. B. Tate..... Regina	Ireland	J. C. McCullagh..... Waterford
W. M. Martin..... Regina	Kansas	J. B. Fleming..... Kansas City
W. G. Blewett..... Kamsack	Louisiana	J. Adams..... Hammond
G. W. S. Eignor..... Woodrow	Maine	A. A. Smith..... Bangor
W. R. McConnell..... Regina	Manitoba	C. N. Bell..... Winnipeg
Dr. C. P. Moore..... Weyburn	Michigan	Ira A. Beck..... Battle Creek
J. McCauley..... Moose Jaw	Minnesota	J. K. Robinson..... St. Paul
Dr. J. W. Wickware..... Regina	Maryland	
W. Hopkins..... Saskatoon	Montana	H. C. Smith..... Miles City
D. A. Kingsbury..... Rouleau	Nebraska	C. L. Talbot..... South Omaha
G. Swain..... Saskatoon	Nevada	F. H. Norcross..... Carson City
W. E. Dennison..... Assiniboia	N. Brunsw'k	F. O. Sullivan..... St. Stephen
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N. R. Craig..... Moose Jaw	New Jersey	H. R. Cruse..... Jersey City
W. M. Thomson..... F. Qu'A'le	New York	P. Elting..... New York
F. B. Reilly..... Regina	N. Zealand	J. D. Webster..... Auckland
S. Barraclough..... Sutherland	N. Dakota	C. V. Ferguson..... Glenburn
R. C. Honeyman..... Regina	N.S. Wales	C. C. Paterson..... Sidney
C. O. Davidson..... Regina	Nova Scotia	D. H. McKinnon..... G. Bay
A. C. Patterson..... Regina	Ohio	M. B. Dickerson..... Marion
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J. W. MacNeill..... N. Battlef'd	P.E. Island	A. Montgomery..... Port Hill
J. A. Mooney..... Regina	Quebec	W. Percival..... Montreal
J. N. Bayne..... Regina	Rhode Island	A. F. Rose..... Providence
Alex. Shepphard..... Regina	Scotland	R. E. W. James..... Edin'b'gh
C. Stuart..... Moosomin	S. Australia	M. C. Moore..... Adelaide
W. J. Smith..... Shaunavon	S. Dakota	C. H. Allen..... Colman
J. McGregor..... Saskatoon	Tennessee	Hays Flowers..... Memphis
J. H. Anderson..... Saskatoon	Texas	
A. Rutherford..... Saskatoon	Utah	N. R. Vote..... Salt Lake City
J. C. Moore..... Regina	Vermont	J. C. Thomas..... Orwell
J. Orville Clark..... Govan	Victoria	C. G. Morgan..... Elwood
W. J. McKay..... Moosomin	Virginia	T. S. Purdie..... Norfolk
A. O. Brooks..... Abernethy	Washington	J. M. Roberts..... Tacoma
	W. Australia	F. C. Liggins..... Perth
	W. Virginia	T. G. Sticker..... Ellenboro

GRAND SECRETARIES

Alabama	Geo. A. Beachamp	Montgomery
Alberta	S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
Arizona	Geo. A. Roskrige	Tuscon
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. A. De Wolf Smith	New Westminster
California	John Whicher	San Francisco
Canada in Ontario	W. M. Logan	Hamilton
Colorado	W. W. Cooper	Denver
Connecticut	Geo. A. Kies	Hartford
Cuba	F. V. Preval	Habana, B. 72
Delaware	J. F. Robinson	Wilmington
District of Columbia	J. C. Keiper	Washington
England	P. Colville Smith	London, W.C.2.
Florida	W. P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	F. F. Baker	Macon
Idaho	C. F. Pike	Boise
Illinois	Owen Scott	Decatur
Indiana	W. H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	C. C. Hunt	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	H. C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	A. K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	F. W. Hardwick	Louisville
Louisiana	J. A. Davilla	New Orleans
Maine	C. B. Davis	Portland
Manitoba	J. A. Ovas	Winnipeg
Maryland	George Cook	Baltimore
Massachusetts	F. W. Hamilton	Boston
Mexico (York)	C. C. Shanks	Mexico City
Michigan	L. B. Winsor	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul
Mississippi	E. L. Faucette	Meridian
Missouri	F. R. Jesse	St. Louis
Montana	L. T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	L. E. Smith	Omaha
Nevada	E. D. Vanderlieth	Reno
New Brunswick	J. Twinning Hartt	St. John
New Hampshire	H. M. Cheney	Concord
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	D. Cunningham	Sydney
New York	Robt. J. Kenworthy	New York
New Zealand	Geo. Barclay	Auckland
North Carolina	W. W. Wilson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Halifax
Ohio	H. S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	W. M. Anderson	Guthrie
Oregon	D. R. Cheney	Portland
Pennsylvania	J. A. Perry	Philadelphia
Phillippine Islands	N. C. Comfort	Manilla, B. 990
Prince Edward Island	E. Kemp	Charlottetown
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	Brisbane
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence
Scotland	T. G. Winning	Edinburgh
South Australia	Chas. R. J. Glover	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia

South Dakota	Geo. A. Pettigrew.	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville
Texas	W. B. Pearson	Waco
Utah	S. H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City
Vermont	H. H. Ross	Burlington
Victoria	W. Stewart	Melbourne
Virginia	C. A. Nesbitt	Richmond
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth
Washington	H. W. Tyler	Tacoma
West Virginia	G. S. Laidley	Charleston
Wisconsin	W. W. Perry	Milwaukee
Wyoming	J. N. Lowndes	Casper

LODGE DIRECTORY

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For location and date of meeting see District Directory following

No. Lodge	Master	Secretary	Dist. No.
1 Kinstino	R. N. Smith	W. E. Bristowe	1
2 Wascana	D. A. R. McCannel	H. Willsmer	2
3 Moose Jaw	A. L. McIntosh	T. H. Pendlebury	3
4 Qu'Appelle V.	R. W. Kirkby	D. Wilson	9
5 Indian Head	S. W. Nichols	S. J. Fisher	4
6 Qu'Appelle	F. J. Truran	A. E. Nicholls	4
7 Moosomin	V. C. McCurdy	R. J. M. Young	4
8 Ashlar	D. L. H. Gillis	R. A. Buchan	4
9 Maple Leaf	H. G. Balsdon	A. A. B. Kenny	11
10 Evening Star	J. W. Claxton	J. C. Hobson	4
11 N.W.M.P.	R. A. Tate	T. A. Jaffray	2
12 Yorkton	W. J. Cowan	C. Holmes	10
13 Duck Lake	F. Anderson	R. W. Pozer	1
14 Sintaluta	F. E. Partridge	G. Hill	4
15 Amity	W. J. McGowan	C. O. Lloyd	6
16 Saskatchewan	R. McRae	B. R. Masecar	5
17 Carlyle	S. E. Ramsey	F. Mills	8
18 Melfort	J. Gibb	F. B. Goodwillie	1
19 Battle	P. R. Risdale	C. Wayman	7
20 Weyburn	W. H. McLaughlin	G. Lythgoe	6
21 Arcola	T. A. Patterson	S. M. Bamforth	8
22 Rosthern	W. A. Dewar	E. St. G. Hodson	1
23 Britannia	R. E. Stevenson	J. Gronow	7
24 Wolseley	E. A. C. Hackman	J. H. Berry	4
25 Estevan	W. R. Whitby	L. A. Duncan	6
26 Swift Current	D. Dampbell	C. Thoreson	11
27 Alameda	T. H. Truscott	J. P. Gordon	6
28 Hanley	R. E. Donaldson	O. H. Singleton	5
29 Heward	T. H. Awde	C. H. Leak	8
30 New Hope	H. Ogden	E. C. Fawcett	8
31 Ionic	R. D. Munkley	I. A. Lawrence	7
32 Golden Rule	H. A. Davidson	P. F. Weiss	2
33 Davidson	W. F. Robinson	H. D. Billinger	5
34 *Lang	R. W. Jaques	H. Whitehead	6

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35 Pr. Rupert	P. Spurgeon	H. Smethurst	15
36 Bruce	G. S. Gould	W. G. Robinson	8
37 Wapella	G. McFarlan	J. C. Tocher	4
38 Ekapo	A. K. Darling	H. R. Brian	4
39 Boscurvis	R. Henders	W. Noble	6
40 Rouleau	W. H. Musick	J. D. Hill	2
41 Drinkwater	C. J. Strayer	L. E. Vernon	2
42 Caron	A. D. Gillan	W. F. Thomson	3
43 Ishpeming	J. W. Woods	W. B. Thomson	5
44 Landmark	C. H. Shantz	W. T. McMurdo	7
45 Aurora	K. M. Lewis	A. Asdown	10
46 Strasbourg	W. W. Henry	W. G. Borland	16
47 Cupar	T. Hesketh	G. E. Penfold	9
48 Grayson	W. Lang	S. MacDonald	9
49 Assiniboia	G. A. Clarke	L. G. Geernaert	2
50 Golden Fleece	J. O. Forseth	J. A. Kjeldson	6
51 Touchwood	J. Carter	N. A. Nicholson	16
52 Border	D. Robb	L. A. Bunn	6
53 Nanatah	A. Lowe	F. W. J. Barker	9
54 Buchanan	C. R. Bunn	R. E. Swain	15
55 Craik	C. McMillan	E. H. Insull	5
56 Elbowview	H. F. Radcliff	R. O. Coghlan	3
57 Prairie	A. L. Thompson	J. W. Attewell	13
58 King Solomon	W. A. Higgins	J. E. Towers	15
59 Canora	F. G. Garvin	D. Rowlands	15
60 Imperial	J. L. McKinnon	F. G. Greenway	5
61 Rocanville	I. J. Rushton	W. T. Fallis	9
62 Melville	J. W. Kirtley	J. G. Jackson	9
63 Prince Albert	J. J. Wilson	W. O. L. Davies	1
64 Manitou	R. Laing	H. T. Johnston	16
65 Outlook	C. J. Ward	A. Johnstone	12
66 Wynyard	J. P. Eyolfson	H. Gorick	10
67 *Eyebrow			3
68 Govan	J. Hancock	J. O. Clarke	16
69 Carrot River	C. McIntosh	R. J. M. Humphrey	1
70 Cypress	W. M. Atkin	O. W. Howard	11
71 Doric	H. Boale	H. D. Titus	3
72 Corinthian	A. D. MacRae	W. L. Whitmore	2
73 Unity	R. M. S. Cole	W. E. Atkison	13
74 Kilwinning	A. Gordon	J. Davidson	13
75 Harmony	E. Tuson	W. A. Porter	13
76 Tisdale	F. T. Fraser	R. Skinner	1
77 Abernethy	A. B. Simes	E. W. Hartle	9
78 Tugaske	J. A. Gemmill	W. M. Elliott	3
79 Foam Lake	H. H. Kauffman	C. H. Burden	10
80 Connaught	W. R. R. McPherson	W. R. Clark	8
81 Tuscan	C. Simpson	F. Bridges	16
82 Victoria	M. Ross	B. L. Agate	12
83 Meridian	F. H. Stephens	J. Ivor	13
84 Lanigan	A. D. Bates	D. L. Ross	10
85 *Zealandia			12
86 Kindersley	C. C. Reid	J. H. Sykes	12
87 Wadena	E. Griffeth	W. Speirs	15
88 Briercrest	B. T. Jaques	E. Kingsbury	3
89 Twin City	W. A. Heath	G. Addison	5
90 Kerrobert	W. R. Herity	W. V. Ward	13
91 Rosetown*	J. M. Douglas	A. Wilson	12

No. Lodge	Master	Secretary	Dist. No.
92 Lodge Progress	R. W. Asselstine	A. Turnbull	5
93 Morse	W. O. Kerr	J. M. Forsyth	11
94 Maryfield	D. R. Sprague	W. J. Halloway	8
95 *Evergreen			5
96 Yellowgrass	F. S. Scarrow	H. J. Wilken	6
97 Radisson	R. McNaught	J. Magwood	7
98 Union	F. Cooksley	J. T. Goddard	16
99 Goose Lake	R. H. Miller	R. J. Mathers	5
100 Biggar	A. P. Smith	W. J. Saunders	13
101 Acacia	C. Smart	J. G. Hobman	2
102 Invermay	H. A. Loucks	A. E. Bergstrom	15
103 Composite	G. M. Blunt	W. R. McBurney	8
104 King Hiram	H. C. Hope	A. H. Rowbotham	2
105 Gothic	F. E. Jaenicke	R. B. Robinson	13
106 St. John's	G. C. Darby	H. S. Bennett	14
107 Mortlach	C. B. Martin	W. Clark	3
108 Long Lake	R. Robertson	A. Duncan	2
109 Limerick	W. Jorgenson	C. M. Wilson	14
110 Shaunavon	J. W. Webber	F. G. Horsey	14
111 Aneroid	J. Dinsmore	A. T. Forester	14
112 Woodrow	E. L. J. Jaycock	W. M. Hawes	14
113 Broderick	P. A. Stewart	A. A. Rolph	12
114 Central Butte	W. D. MacArthur	M. G. Sillery	3
115 Landis	J. Sprung	P. A. Hainstock	13
116 Ceylon	C. B. Hatt	P. W. Westlake	6
117 Dundurn	A. E. Hokanson	G. T. Peterson	5
118 Paragon	F. Freeman	G. A. Weese	13
119 Cabri	J. W. Adair	A. S. Gimby	11
120 Ogema	D. Findlay	E. L. Sier	14
121 *Simpson	C. Gillard	W. H. Davidson	16
122 Azure	R. R. Blissett	O. B. Larson	14
123 Lancer	H. Long	A. K. Thorstad	11
124 Mount Hermon	W. H. B. Heye	T. D. Moase	11
125 Latomia	O. S. Black	W. J. Jolly	6
126 Cadillac	F. G. Simpson	R. H. Stanley	14
127 Birch Hills	W. J. Johnston	J. R. Taylor	1
128 Meyronne	P. L. McNicol	W. K. Laing	14
129 Mossbank	W. J. Mitchell	P. J. Rawlinson	14
130 Togo	A. G. McBain	R. A. Gunness	15
131 Dinston	W. L. Clarke	J. H. Mayall	12
132 *Conquest			12
133 Philathea	F. S. Hobman	H. K. Misenhiemer	16
134 Eston	C. T. Shea	W. J. Wilson	12
135 *Elrose			12
136 St. George	W. W. Snider	J. R. Yorke	3
137 Tyrian	W. Russell	P. W. Farnsworth	7
138 Kincaid	R. C. Finley	B. F. Menzies	14
139 Riverhurst	T. D. Forbes	F. S. Parker	3
140 Sceptre	G. E. Branston	G. Mahaffy	11
141 Progressive	O. T. Moen	E. C. Arthan	11
142 Leader	W. E. Wilson	H. H. V. Harford	11
143 Hawarden	M. E. Sinden	M. J. Brown	3
144 Victory	G. E. Emmons	G. R. Scruton	5
145 Elfros	H. J. MacLise	E. N. Conrad	10
146 Asquith	C. L. Mather	T. W. J. Mather	5
147 *Elstow			5
148 Dunblane	H. R. Veitch	J. C. Metcalf	12

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149 Loverna	T. H. Brinsmead	R. M. Claire	13
150 *Wawota	J. E. D. McCord	W. Bird	8
151 Viscount	B. J. Lloyd	A. Mack	10
152 Star City	C. H. Carruthers	F. J. Fife	1
153 *Blaine Lake	J. Zeal	W. Rowland	1
154 Banner	H. A. Rutherford	H. R. Barrett	2
155 Raymore	J. Tate	J. Riddel	16
156 Avonlea	R. P. Eastman	G. R. MacKenzie	3
157 Bredenbury	T. Stevenson	A. E. Macdonald	10
158 Borden	N. S. Smith	S. Reading	7
159 Springside	J. Main	W. W. Spencer	10
160 Cut Knife	R. S. Johnson	H. G. Barclay	7
161 Welwyn	J. Van Male	J. Sigsworth	9
162 Saltcoats	J. W. Kennedy	J. C. Davison	10
163 Fillmore	F. C. Wilson	J. B. Campbell	8
164 Milestone	W. S. C. Watkins	W. A. Tripp	2
165 St. Luke's	W. J. McConnell	J. N. MacCrimmon	13
166 Wakaw	P. J. Smith	C. D. Sutherland	1
167 Preeceville	J. Gelmon	H. H. Cole	15
168 Earl Grey	N. S. Milne	C. R. Birt	9
169 Quill Lake	G. Grant	G. W. Guy	15
170 Sharon	D. S. Fraser	J. E. Walker	14
171 *Shellbrook			1
172 Memorial	H. D. Hedley	W. B. C. Green	3
173 Lakeview	A. E. Major	W. L. Parker	5
174 St. Andrews	W. Leslie	E. Cullum-Bird	2
175 Radville	N. Leabo	H. N. Lukes	6
176 Gray	W. Dunning	W. O. Eichenberger	2
177 Verwood	G. B. Elliott	C. A. Blad	14
178 Norquay	A. E. Wylie	G. J. Nielsen	15
179 Kelvington	H. M. Lovell	T. A. Brewis	15
180 Herbert	G. O. Wilson	R. M. Muir	11
181 Tuberosa	R. M. Lindsay	W. J. Davenport	12
182 Lonach	E. J. Tuck	A. T. McAuslan	7
183 Nipawin	W. Connell	E. Hampson	1
184 Osage	C. H. Mitchell	W. H. Boyd	8
185 Loyalty	E. O. Hancox	W. Geddie	7
186 Emulation	J. M. Craig	C. A. Cooke	2
187 Lucky Lake	D. Munro	C. L. Inkster	12
U.D. Glenedyth	A. H. Stevens	S. E. Minty	14
U.D. Herschel	P. D. Armstrong	W. S. Cherry	12

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District No. 1. D.D.G.M., J. R. Graham—Kinistino

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
1	Kinistino	Prince Albert	1st Friday
13	Duck Lake	Duck Lake	2nd Wednesday
18	Melfort	Melfort	Tuesday on or before
22	Rosthern	Rosthern	3rd Wednesday
63	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	2nd Friday
69	Carrot River	Kinistino	Monday on or before
76	Tisdale	Tisdale	Wednesday on or before
127	Birch Hills	Birch Hills	Wednesday on or after

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
152	Star City	Star City	Thursday on or before
153	Blaine Lake	Blaine Lake	2nd Thursday
166	Wakaw	Wakaw	Monday on or before
171	Shellbrook	Shellbrook	1st Tuesday
183	Nipawin	Nipawin	2nd Thursday

District No. 2 D.D.G.M., A. A. Wilson—Regina.

2	Wascana	Regina	1st Tuesday
11	N.W.M.P.	Regina	3rd Tuesday
32	Golden Rule	Pense	Thursday on or before
40	Rouleau	Rouleau	2nd Tuesday
41	Drinkwater	Drinkwater	Thursday on or before
49	Assiniboia	Regina	3rd Friday
72	Corinthian	Lumsden	Friday on or before
101	Acacia	Imperial	1st Thursday
104	King Hiram	Regina	2nd Tuesday
108	Long Lake	Liberty	Thursday on or before
154	Banner	Regina	3rd Monday
164	Milestone	Milestone	1st Thursday
174	St. Andrews	Regina	1st Monday
176	Gray	Gray	1st Tuesday
186	Emulation	Regina	1st Wednesday

District No. 3. D.D.G.M., R. Wilson—Tugaske.

3	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw	2nd Tuesday
42	Caron	Caron	2nd Thursday
56	Elbowview	Elbow	Tuesday on or before
67	Eyeblow	Eyeblow	Tuesday on or after
71	Doric	Moose Jaw	1st Wednesday
78	Tugaske	Tugaske	Monday on or before
88	Briercrest	Briercrest	Wednesday on or after
107	Mortlach	Mortlach	Tuesday on or before
114	Central Butte	Central Butte	Tuesday on or before
136	St. George	Moose Jaw	3rd Friday
139	Riverhurst	Riverhurst	Thursday on or before
143	Hawarden	Hawarden	Wednesday on or before
156	Avonlea	Avonlea	1st Thursday
172	Memorial	Moose Jaw	2nd Thursday

District No. 4. D.D.G.M., J. A. Wilson—Whitewood

5	Indian Head	Indian Head	Thursday on or before
6	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or before
7	Moosomin	Moosomin	Wednesday on or before
8	Ashler	Whitewood	Tuesday on or before
10	Evening Star	Grenfell	Tuesday on or after
14	Sintaluta	Sintaluta	Tuesday on or before
24	Wolseley	Wolseley	Thursday on or after
37	Wapella	Wapella	Thursday on or before
38	Ekapo	Broadview	2nd Friday

District No. 5 D.D.G.M., G. H. Johnson—Tessier

16	Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	1st Tuesday
28	Hanley	Hanley	Thursday on or before
33	Davidson	Davidson	Thursday on or before
43	Ishpeming	Langham	Wednesday on or before
55	Craik	Craik	Wednesday on or before
60	Imperial	Saskatoon	2nd Wednesday
89	Twin City	Sutherland	2nd Monday

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
92	Progress	Saskatoon	3rd Thursday
95	Evergreen	Harris	Wednesday on or before
99	Goose Lake	Delisle	Monday on or before
117	Dundurn	Dundurn	3rd Wednesday
144	Victory	Saskatoon	2nd Saturday
146	Asquith	Asquith	Friday on or before
147	Elstow	Elstow	Thursday on or before
173	Lakeview	Tessier	Tuesday on or before

District No. 6. D.D.G.M., W. A. Couves—Lang.

15	Amity	Carnduff	Thursday on or before
20	Weyburn	Weyburn	1st Monday
25	Estevan	Estevan	Friday on or before
27	Alameda	Alameda	Tuesday on or before
34	Lang	Lang	Monday on or before
39	Boscurvis	Oxbow	Monday on or after
50	Golden Fleece	Halbrite	Monday on or after
52	Border	Gainsborough	Wednesday on or before
96	Yellowgrass	Yellowgrass	Wednesday on or before
116	Ceylon	Ceylon	2nd Wednesday
125	Latomia	Weyburn	2nd Monday
175	Radville	Radville	1st Thursday

District No. 7. D.D.G.M., T. J. Ford—Borden.

19	Battle	Battleford	2nd Thursday
23	Britannia	Lloydminster	Wednesday on or after
31	Ionic	North Battleford	2nd Wednesday
44	Landmark	Lashburn	Thursday on or before
97	Radisson	Radisson	Tuesday on or after
137	Tyrian	Edam	Tuesday on or before
158	Borden	Borden	Monday on or before
160	Cut Knife	Cut Knife	Thursday on or after
182	Lonach	Marsden	Monday on or before
185	Loyalty	Ruddell	Thursday on or before

District No. 8. D.D.G.M., E. W. F. Harris—Arcola.

17	Carlyle	Carlyle	Friday on or before
21	Arcola	Arcola	Thursday on or before
29	Heward	Heward	Tuesday on or before
30	New Hope	Stoughton	Friday on or before
36	Bruce	Francis	Tuesday on or before
80	Connaught	Windthorst	Tuesday on or before
94	Maryfield	Maryfield	Tuesday on or before
103	Composite	Kennedy	Thursday on or before
150	Wawota	Wawota	Wednesday on or before
163	Fillmore	Fillmore	2nd Thursday
184	Osage	Osage	3rd Wednesday

District No. 9. D.D.G.M., W. E. Read—Ft. Qu'Appelle.

4	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or after
47	Cupar	Cupar	Tuesday on or before
48	Grayson	Dubuc	Wednesday on or before
53	Nanatah	Balcarres	Monday on or after
61	Rocanville	Rocanville	Monday on or before
62	Melville	Melville	4th Thursday
77	Abernethy	Abernethy	Friday on or before
161	Welwyn	Welwyn	Tuesday on or before
168	Earl Grey	Earl Grey	Wednesday on or before

District No. 10. D.D.G.M., E. G. Brand—Wynyard.

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
12	Yorkton.....	Yorkton	1st Thursday
45	Aurora	Theodore	Wednesday on or before
66	Wynyard	Wynyard	2nd Tuesday
79	Foam Lake.....	Foam Lake.....	1st Friday
84	Lanigan	Lanigan	Thursday on or before
145	Elfros	Elfros	Wednesday on or before
151	Viscount	Viscount	1st Friday
157	Bredenbury.....	Bredenbury.....	Monday on or before
159	Springside.....	Springside	Wednesday on or after
162	Saltcoats	Saltcoats.....	Wednesday on or before

District No. 11. D.D.G.M., C. G. Kearns—

9	Maple Leaf.....	Maple Creek	Thursday on or before
26	Swift Current.....	Swift Current. . .	1st Monday
70	Cypress.....	Gull Lake	Friday on or before
93	Morse.....	Morse.....	1st Monday
119	Cabri.....	Cabri	1st Monday
123	Lancer.....	Lancer.....	Tuesday on or before
124	Mount Hermon.....	Pennant.....	Thursday on or before
140	Sceptre.....	Sceptre.....	1st Wednesday
141	Progressive.....	Tompkins.....	Wednesday on or before
142	Leader.....	Leader	Monday on or before
180	Herbert.....	Herbert	2nd Wednesday

District No. 12. D.D.G.M., F. James—Eston.

66	Outlook.....	Outlook.....	Tuesday on or before
82	Victoria	Alsask	1st Tuesday
85	Zealandia.....	Zealandia. . .	Monday on or before
86	Kindersley.....	Kindersley. . .	Thursday on or before
91	Rosetown.....	Rosetown	Wednesday on or before
113	Broderick.....	Glenside	Thursday on or before
131	Dinston.....	Dinsmore.....	1st Wednesday
132	Conquest.....	Conquest	Thursday on or before
134	Eston.....	Eston.....	3rd Wednesday
135	Elrose.....	Elrose.....	Monday on or before
148	Dunblane.....	Dunblane.....	Monday on or after
181	Tuberoose.....	Tuberoose	Wednesday on or after
187	Lucky Lake	Lucky Lake	Wednesday on or after

District No. 13. D.D.G.M., N. H. Swallow—Macklin

57	Prairie	Wilkie.....	Monday on or before
73	Unity.....	Unity	Wednesday on or before
74	Kilwinning.....	Adanac	Thursday on or before
75	Harmony.....	Perdue.....	Thursday on or before
83	Meridian.....	Macklin.....	Wednesday on or before
90	Kerrobert.....	Kerrobert.....	2nd Monday
100	Biggar.....	Biggar	Tuesday on or before
105	Gothic.....	Luseland.....	Monday on or after
115	Landis.....	Landis.....	Wednesday on or before
118	Paragon.....	Kelfield	Thursday on or after
149	Loverna.....	Loverna.....	1st Monday
165	St. Luke's.....	Plenty.....	Tuesday on or before

District No. 14. D.D.G.M., C. C. Shattuck—Mossbank

106	St. John's.....	Assiniboia.....	1st Thursday
109	Limerick.....	Limerick.....	Tuesday on or before
110	Shaunavon.....	Shaunavon.....	2nd Wednesday

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
111	Aneroid	Aneroid	Thursday on or before
112	Woodrow	Woodrow	1st Monday
120	Ogema	Ogema	Monday on or after
122	Azure	Eastend	Thursday on or before
126	Cadillac	Cadillac	2nd Wednesday
128	Meyronne	Meyronne	2nd Tuesday
129	Mossbank	Mossbank	Wednesday on or before
138	Kincaid	Kincaid	1st Thursday
170	Sharon	Bateman	Friday on or before
177	Verwood	Verwood	Wednesday on or after

District No. 15. D.D.G.M., F. W. D. Thompson,—Humboldt

35	Prince Rupert	Humboldt	Friday on or before
54	Buchanan	Buchanan	1st Tuesday
58	King Solomon	Kamsack	2nd Wednesday
59	Canora	Canora	1st Friday
87	Wadena	Wadena	Monday on or before
102	Invermay	Invermay	Tuesday on or before
130	Togo	Togo	1st Wednesday
167	Preeceville	Preeceville	3rd Wednesday
169	Quill Lake	Quill Lake	Wednesday on or before
178	Norquay	Norquay	Thursday on or before
179	Kelvington	Kelvington	2nd Wednesday

District No. 16. D.D.G.M., J. N. Smith—Semans.

46	Strasbourg	Strasbourg	Monday on or before
51	Touchwood	Punnichy	Friday on or after
64	Manitou	Watrous	1st Thursday
68	Govan	Govan	Thursday on or before
81	Tuscan	Semans	Wednesday on or after
98	Union	Kelliher	Wednesday on or before
121	Simpson	Simpson	Wednesday on or before
133	Philathea	Nokomis	1st Thursday
155	Raymore	Raymore	Monday on or before

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

The following is an abstract of the returns from the several Ldges for the year ending March 31st, 1926, showing the amounts received for fees and dues.

Lodge	No. of Lodge	Membership Mar. 1925	Membership Mar. 1926	Increase	Decrease	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Com. L. Mbrs.	Deaths	Amount Paid with Returns
Kinistino...	1	155	148		7	4	2	1	7	2	4	1	\$153.30
Wascana	2	344	323		21	6	3		13	14	2	1	250.10
Moose Jaw	3	332	329		3	7	4		4	4	2	4	253.60
Qu'Appelle Valley	4	47	49	2		2	2		2				40.00
Indian Head	5	96	94		2	2			2			2	66.10
Qu'Appelle	6	56	58	2		2	1					1	44.20
Moosomin	7	117	116		1	5	1		5		2		116.50
Ashlar	8	42	44	2		2		1	1				34.10
Maple Leaf	9	73	71		2	2			3			1	51.50
Evening Star...	10	55	49		6				1		2		53.30
N.W.M.P.	11	285	286	1		13	4	1	4	10	2	1	251.80
Yorkton	12	132	129		3	2	4	1		8		2	89.70
Duck Lake	13	35	35			1		1	2				24.70
Sintaluta	14	56	60	4		2	1	1					44.70
Amity	15	65	63		2	3			2		3		83.40
Saskatchewan	16	270	270			7	10	4	11	4	5	1	258.00
Carlyle	17	59	59			1	2		2	1			43.00
Melfort	18	121	130	9		4	11		3	3			102.70
Battle	19	104	93		11	2	1	1	4	10	1		77.40
Weyburn	20	139	140	1		7	2	1	7			1	126.90
Arcola	21	67	65		2	2	1	1	1	3		2	49.20
Rosthern	22	46	39		7			1	5	2		1	25.90
Britannia	23	93	98	5		8	1		3	1			91.00
Wolseley	24	55	52		3	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	48.80
Estevan	25	111	115	4		4	6		4	2			90.70
Swift Current	26	109	114	5		8	3	3	2	5	1	1	114.50
Alameda	27	36	33		3	1			3			1	23.80
Hanley	28	68	68			6	1		3	3		1	67.40
Heward	29	59	58		1	2			1			2	42.50
New Hope	30	48	52	4		8			3			1	62.00
Ionic	31	123	127	4		8	9	2	5	10			114.90
Golden Rule	32	85	87	2		2							60.20
Davidson	33	93	90		3	6			5	3	1		89.90
Lang	34	57	56		1	1			2				37.90
Prince Rupert	35	102	99		3	4	1	1	5	3		1	78.90
Bruce	36	76	68		8	3			8	3			55.20
Wapella	37	62	58		4	1	1		3	2		1	40.70
Ekapo	38	48	47		1	1			2				33.20
Boscurvis	39	50	53	3		3	2	1	3				46.80
Rouleau	40	87	89	2		4			2				69.80
Drinkwater	41	79	79			2		1	2	1			59.00
Caron	42	59	63	4		2	3	1	1			1	48.90
Ishpeming	43	48	42		6	1		1	5	3			31.40
Landmark	44	85	80		5	3	1		3	5		1	63.60
Aurora	45	44	41		3				3				25.20
Strasbourg	46	56	60	4		3	2	1	2				50.40
Cupar	47	46	46					1	1				28.60

GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Lodge	No. of Lodge	Membership Mar. 1925	Membership Mar. 1926	Increase	Decrease	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Com. L. Mbrs.	Deaths	Amount Paid with Returns
Grayson	48	49	48		1	2			2			1	36.80
Assiniboia	49	255	260	5		9	4		7		1		208.30
Golden Fleece	50	52	53	1		1							35.80
Touchwood	51	64	53		11		3		5	8		1	37.90
Border	52	26	26			1				1			19.60
Nanatah	53	64	62		2	3			4	1			50.40
Buchanan	54	28	32	4		4	2	1	3				36.60
Craik	55	61	65	4		4	3		3				57.40
Elbowview	56	43	42		1	2			2	1			33.50
Prairie	57	63	56		7	1			3	5			40.10
King Solomon	58	92	89		3	1			4				58.60
Canora	59	81	86	5		4	2		1				69.70
Imperial	60	289	282		7	5	2	1	11	1	1	2	205.60
Rocanville	61	57	56		1							1	33.90
Melville	62	125	133	8		9	2	2	1	4			118.20
Prince Albert	63	113	110		3	4	2		2	7			85.80
Manitou	64	86	83		3	4	2		5	3		1	68.20
Outlook	65	58	60	2		4	1		2	1			52.10
Wynyard	66	63	61		2	1	1		1	1	1	1	53.60
Eyebrow	67	54	53		1	2	1		3	1			41.20
Govan	68	74	69		5				5				42.60
Carrot River	69	48	58	10		9	1						69.40
Cypress	70	101	99		2	5	1	1	3	6			84.50
Doric	71	158	160	2		7	3		4	2	1	1	139.30
Corinthian	72	70	69		1	2	1		1	2		1	51.70
Unity	73	79	80	1		3	1		3				62.00
Kilwinning	74	62	58		4	2			2	4			43.10
Harmony	75	63	65	2		2	1		1				47.40
Tisdale	76	74	74			4	2	1	5	1		1	63.90
Abernethy	77	48	55	7		7							62.20
Tugaske	78	64	65	1		1	2		2				45.00
Foam Lake	79	47	51	4		3	2		1				46.00
Connaught	80	32	31		1				1				18.60
Tuscan	81	66	63		3	2	1		5			1	46.50
Victoria	82	69	65		4		1		2	2		1	41.90
Meridian	83	67	68	1		1							44.50
Lanigan	84	56	59	3		3	4		1	3			53.10
Zealandia	85	67	62		5	3			6	1		1	49.20
Kindersley	86	113	110		3	1	1		5				72.60
Wadena	87	54	48		6	2		1	7	1		1	38.00
Briercrest	88	42	47	5		5	2		2				49.40
Twin City	89	99	100	1		2			1				67.40
KerRobert	90	93	91		2	4	3		8			1	75.50
Rosetown	91	87	91	4		6	3		2	2		1	81.70
Progress	92	194	203	9		18	3	3	2	12		1	196.00
Morse	93	78	65		13			4	8	7	1	1	56.40
Maryfield	94	52	52			3		1	1			3	43.80
Evergreen	95	38	41	3			1	3			1		36.60
Yellowgrass	96	37	44	7		5	2						47.20
Radiasson	97	56	50		6	2	3		11				41.90
Union	98	49	45		4	3	2	1	6	3	1		53.00
Goose Lake	99	59	57		2	2		1	2	2	1		55.80

Lodge	No. of Lodge	Membership Mar. 1925	Membership Mar. 1926	Increase	Decrease	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Com. L. Mbrs.	Deaths	Amount Paid with Returns
Biggar.....	100	95	101	6		6		1			1		97.00
Acacia.....	101	63	65	2		3						1	51.00
Invermay.....	102	22	19		3					2			13.30
Composite.....	103	46	49	3		6			2			1	54.10
King Hiram.....	104	247	246		1	12	3	4	12	8			201.40
Gothic.....	105	52	52			1			1				36.20
St. John's.....	106	83	81		2	4	3	1	6	4			68.50
Mortlach.....	107	65	67	2		4			1			1	56.30
Long Lake.....	108	54	58	4		4	1		1				52.80
Limerick.....	109	75	79	4		6	1		3				72.40
Shaunavon.....	110	109	117	8		10		1	1	1	1		119.80
Aneroid.....	111	73	77	4		4							62.90
Woodrow.....	112	58	63	5		4		1					53.90
Broderick.....	113	55	51		4	1			2	2		1	36.80
Central Butte.....	114	68	72	4		6	1	2	3	1		1	67.30
Landis.....	115	44	38		6	1		1	4	4			28.10
Ceylon.....	116	42	35		7				1	6			22.20
Dundurn.....	117	41	41			4			4				40.30
Paragon.....	118	46	43		3	1				4			31.70
Cabrio.....	119	89	90	1		4				3			69.70
Ogema.....	120	45	50	5		6	2		1	2			55.70
Simpson.....	121	36	35		1	1			1	1			27.30
Azure.....	122	66	68	2		4		1		3			55.60
Lancer.....	123	74	75	1		5		1	5				65.40
Mount Hermon.....	124	50	50			5			4			1	52.30
Latomia.....	125	84	81		3	4				7			64.40
Cadillac.....	126	37	42	5		6		2	1	2			48.90
Birch Hills.....	127	46	51	5		5							49.40
Meyronne.....	128	42	48	6		5	1	1	1				49.20
Mossbank.....	129	58	59	1		3			2				47.70
Togo.....	130	45	47	2		2							35.60
Dinston.....	131	67	67			1	1		2				45.20
Conquest.....	132	51	56	5		5	1			1			54.10
Philathea.....	133	60	63	3		3	2		1	1			50.90
Eston.....	134	66	68	2		2	2			1		1	50.90
Elrose.....	135	56	50		6	7	1		7	7			59.60
St. George.....	136	168	172	4		8	4		2	6			139.60
Tyrian.....	137	38	35		3				2			1	22.30
Kincaid.....	138	53	52		1	3		1	1	2		2	44.20
Riverhurst.....	139	40	45	5		6	1		2				50.80
Sceptre.....	140	56	54		2	1			3				37.70
Progressive.....	141	49	47		2	1				2	1		43.50
Leader.....	142	62	68	6		6	2	1	3				67.20
Hawarden.....	143	35	33		2		1		3				21.40
Victory.....	144	105	129	24		14	13		3				144.20
Elfros.....	145	37	38	1		4			3				39.20
Asquith.....	146	29	36	7		8			1				53.00
Elastow.....	147	54	54			4			1	3			49.30
Dunblane.....	148	41	48	7		7							54.70
Loverna.....	149	32	31		1	1			2				23.20
Wawota.....	150	36	38	2		1	1						29.50
Viscount.....	151	41	39		2	2			4				33.00

Lodge	No. of Lodge	Membership Mar. 1925	Membership Mar. 1926	Increase	Decrease	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Com. L. Mbrs.	Deaths	Amount Paid with Returns
Star City	152	56	60	4		5	3		1	3			58.70
Blaine Lake	153	33	28		5	1			3	2		1	22.00
Banner	154	338	321		17	8	4	1	15	12		3	234.30
Raymore	155	23	19		4	1			4	1			17.30
Avonlea	156	39	47	8		11	1		4				74.20
Bredenbury	157	31	29		2	2			3			1	26.30
Borden	158	56	60	4		2	2						45.80
Springside	159	21	20		1	1			2				16.60
Cut Knife	160	32	34	2		2							29.10
Welwyn	161	26	26			1			1				19.60
Saltcoats	162	30	29		1		1		2				19.70
Fillmore	163	27	28	1		1	4		4				25.10
Milestone	164	32	32				2		2				20.90
St. Luke's	165	35	43	8		6	2						52.50
Wakaw	166	30	28		2				1			1	17.10
Preeceville	167	35	35				1		1				23.00
Earl Grey	168	28	28			3			3				30.10
Quill Lake	169	35	35			4			3	1			38.00
Sharon	170	26	34	8		7	1						48.50
Shellbrook	171	32	35	3		2	2		1				31.40
Memorial	172	52	62	10		9	3		2				75.70
Lakeview	173	21	22	1		1							16.90
St. Andrews	174	111	132	21		15	12		4	2			145.50
Radville	175	28	31	3			3						21.60
Gray	176	23	26	3		4			1				31.60
Verwood	177	44	53	9		9	2		2				69.20
Norouay	178	27	36	9		8	1						54.10
Kelvington	179	18	26	8		8							46.10
Herbert	180	16	29	13		12	1						66.80

APPROVED RULINGS

1. Masonic Regalia cannot be worn at Balls or At Homes where admission is charged and the public admitted. Pro. 1907.

2. In balloting the ballot box shall be placed on the altar with an equal number of black and white balls, and either each member in order of rank proceeding to the Altar and casting his ballot, or members, beginning on the left of the W.M. doing so in rotation. Pro. 1911.

3. When addressing the W.M. the term to be used is W.M. Pro. 1911.

4. When a known Brother approaches the tyled door of a Lodge and desires to enter, the proper knocks of the Degree in which the Lodge at the time may be working are to be given by the Tyler and I.G. In the event of a Cowan approaching a succession of knocks is to be given. Pro. 1911 and 1915.

5. The lecture and charge are integral parts of each Degree and must be given before a candidate is advanced. Pro. 1911.

6. The position of a candidate while being examined must be W. of the altar facing E. Pro. 1911.

7. The charge may be given by any well skilled Brother. If below the rank of a P.M. he shall take his stand directly in front of the dais in the E. facing the candidate who shall be W. of the altar. Pro. 1911.

8. No Brother shall vouch for a visitor unless he has sat with him in open Lodge. Pro. 1911.

9. The Tyler's oath is to be given after the examination by the B. of T. and the production of documentary evidence which must be demanded in every case. The absence of documentary evidence shall not necessarily exclude a visitor. Pro. 1911 and 1915.

10. The W.M. must command the S.W. to collect the P.G. and P.W. of the Degree, but the S.W., if satisfied, may vouch for all present, whereupon the collection may be dispensed with by the W.M. Pro. 1911.

11. When collecting the P.G. and P.W. of a Degree; in the event of a Brother not being in possession of same, the D. shall report to the S.W. saying; "Brother S.W. the W. is lost," who shall report to the W.M.; whereupon, if satisfied as to the Brother, the W.M. may call him to the E. and communicate the Lost W. Pro. 1911

12. No charts shall be displayed in the Lodge room other than that of the Degree being conferred. Pro. 1911.

13. The lesser lights shall be used in all Degrees except when otherwise called for in the work. Pro. 1911.

14. In calling the Lodge from L. to R. or vice versa, the J.W. in delivering the Command of the W.M. must see that all Brethren rise to receive it, even to the extent of calling up the Lodge. Pro. 1911.

15. The M. may exercise his discretion as to whether the ballot box shall be placed upon the Altar for examination by the Brethren after a ballot has been taken. Pro. 1912.

16. A candidate who cannot answer the first three questions in Masonry satisfactorily cannot be made a Mason. Pro. 1912.

17. An affiliated P.M. from another Jurisdiction is eligible for the Master's chair. Pro. 1914.

18. A Brother who has not been invested as a Warden ranks as a M.M., and is not eligible for the Master's chair. Pro. 1914.

19. An affiliated Brother on producing documentary evidence that he has served a full Masonic year as Warden in another Jurisdiction, is eligible for the Master's chair. Pro. 1915.

20. A Certificate of Standing is a Certificate issued to a Brother for the purpose of joining a designated lodge, and must not be confounded with a receipt for dues. Pro. 1915.

21. The passing of the collection plate around the Lodge when the candidate is in the N.E. angle in the First Degree is not permissible. Pro. 1916.

22. A Committee of P.M.'s to meet with applicants before they are given application forms is permissible. Pro. 1916.

23. It is unconstitutional to receive petitions or reports of committees on applicants at Emergent meetings. Pro. 1916.

24. It is unconstitutional to initiate a candidate at an Emergent meeting held on the same date as the regular meeting at which the candidate was balloted on. Pro. 1916.

25. It is unconstitutional to install the officers of a Lodge at a special meeting held on the same date as the regular meeting. Pro. 1916.

26. It is not permissible for a Brother from a Grand Lodge not recognized by this Grand Lodge to either visit or affiliate with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction. Pro. 1917.

27. The Working Tools in the Second Degree should always be presented in full form as contained in the Installation Ceremony. Pro. 1918.

28. It is the duty of a subordinate Lodge to try a Brother and only in very exceptional cases can a Commission be appointed by the Grand Master. Pro. 1918.

29. If an applicant can comply with the requirements of the Ceremonials, even by the aid of artificial limbs, and is in a physical condition to earn a living, and not likely to become a charge upon the Fraternity, and if his moral character is all that a Mason's should be, his petition can be entertained on obtaining a Special Dispensation from. G.L. Pro. 1918.

30. The home of a soldier prior to his enlistment is the only home recognized during the time he is in uniform without regard to the various places he may be stationed in while on Military Service. Pro. 1919.

31. A candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry must have resided the six months immediately previous to date of Petition within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission. Pro. 1919.

32. A Masonic Lodge can hold a Masonic Funeral Service for a deceased Brother when another society attends the same service in regalia, but the service must, in all respects, be conducted exclusively by the Lodge having charge as if none but Masons were in attendance. A Masonic Lodge should not take part in Funeral Services when conducted by any other organization. Wherever civic societies, the Military or other organizations may constitute a part of the Funeral Procession or otherwise unite with the assembly, the body of the deceased must be in charge of the Lodge officiating. Pro. 1920.

33. Any increase or reduction in the fees of any Lodge by virtue of an amendment to its By-laws shall become effective from the date such amendment is passed, subject to the approval of the Grand Master; any increase or reduction in the annual dues of a Lodge by virtue of an amendment to its By-laws shall become effective from June 24th or December 27th next following the date upon which such amendment is passed subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Pro. 1920.

34. Candidates in the First Degree must be prepared and received individually, but after they have been presented by the Senior Warden and have answered singly the questions addressed to them by the Worshipful Master, they may, at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, thereafter be taken collectively. Candidates in the Third Degree may be taken collectively to the end of the obligation, but, if taken collectively, they must then retire to the preparation room to be readmitted and raised singly, after which they may again be taken collectively. Pro. 1920.

35. (Re Section 150, Sub-section 3, Constitution.) A Brother who has affiliated with a lodge in this Jurisdiction under a Certificate of Standing from a Lodge in a foreign Jurisdiction shall not be given a demit on resigning therefrom, but his resignation shall be accepted under the conditions governing the granting of a demit, and such resignation shall be only recorded in the minute book and historical register. Pro. 1920.

36. Members of a Lodge holding an At Home of a purely Masonic nature, and to which the public are not invited, are quite justified in making application for a dispensation to wear regalia, although the Lodge levies a charge on the members attending the same. Pro. 1921.

37. Section 122 of the Constitution was never intended to permit of or provide for nominations either oral or written for officers

in constituent Lodges; all elections except when otherwise provided for in the Constitution shall be by written ballot without nomination. Pro. 1923.

38. A man having received only part of his obligation and not having been brought to light is not a Mason. Pro. 1924.

39. Where the Constitution and the By-laws of a Lodge conflict the Constitution governs and overrules the By-laws. Pro. 1926.

40. A brother elected and installed to the Warden's Chair even though he has not put in an attendance during the term is eligible for election to the Master's Chair if no protest had been made by the members of the lodge to his holding the office of Warden and he did not resign. Pro. 1926.

41. To consider the advisability of instituting a chapter of the Eastern Star is not Masonic business and must not be brought before the Lodge as such. Pro. 1926.

42. All Lodge notices going through the mail must be in sealed envelopes. Pro. 1926.

REVIEW OF PROCEEDINGS

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits a review of the Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions which they were able to overtake during the year just passed.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. THOMSON, Chairman.

Alabama	1924	Montana	1924
Alabama	1925	Nebraska	1925
Alberta	1925	Nevada	1925
Arizona	1925	New Brunswick	1925
Arkansas	1924	New Hampshire	1925
British Columbia	1925	New Jersey	1925
Canada	1925	New York	1925
Connecticut	1925	New Zealand	1924
Delaware	1924	North Carolina	1925
District of Columbia	1924	North Dakota	1924
District of Columbia	1925	Nova Scotia	1925
England	1925	Ohio	1924
Georgia	1924	Ohio	1925
Georgia	1925	Oklahoma	1925
Idaho	1925	Pennsylvania	1924
Illinois	1925	Pennsylvania	1925
Indiana	1925	Quebec	1925
Iowa	1925	South Australia	1925
Kansas	1925	South Carolina	1925
Kentucky	1924	South Dakota	1925
Louisiana	1924	Tennessee	1925
Maine	1925	Texas	1924
Manitoba	1925	Virginia	1925
Maryland	1924	Washington	1925
Massachusetts	1924	West Australia	1925
Michigan	1925	West Virginia	1924
Minnesota	1925	West Virginia	1925
Mississippi	1925	Wisconsin	1925
		Wyoming	1925

ALABAMA

The one hundred and fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in the City of Montgomery, Tuesday, December 2nd, 1924. M.W. Bro. Duncan C. Carmichael, Grand Master.

From the Grand Master's Address we note the following:

Those of us who have been privileged to attend these Communications from year to year feel always a pleasurable anticipation in meeting old acquaintances, renewing old friendships and in welcoming the brethren who are coming amongst us for the first time. It is to these brethren that I desire especially to extend such a greeting as will make them feel at home and one of us. Their rights and privileges are just the same as ours and their responsibilities are just as great. They are an integral part of this Grand Lodge and as such should feel equally privileged to participate in all its deliberations and equally responsible for all its actions.

Our Grand Jurisdiction has been peculiarly blessed with peace and prosperity during the past year and its close finds us with very few contentions unadjusted.

Under the head of Education, the Grand Master has this to say:

I feel that it is peculiarly the privilege of Master Masons to proclaim and to continue to proclaim the necessity of light and still more light until illiteracy is driven from this great State of ours. One has well said "let us have done with formalism and uttered formalities, and seek by every means to gain an understanding of the needs of men. Let us break down for all times the petty barriers that ignorance and prejudice have erected between us and our brethren." If we do this brethren, if we tear down these barriers, we must educate the masses, we must help those that are in the darkness, the illiterates, see the necessity of educating those that have been entrusted to them.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home makes very interesting reading and shows that branch of the Grand Lodge to be doing good and useful work. The receipts therefor during the year 1923 were \$83,180.93 disbursements for all purposes \$71,756.97 leaving a balance of \$11,423.96. The Superintendent's reports show that for the eleven months Nov. 1st, 1923, till October 1st, 1924, they handled about 360 persons.

Saskatchewan has a friendly review of the Annual Communication at Moose Jaw.

ALABAMA 1925

The one hundred and fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Montgomery, Ala., Tuesday, December 1st, 1925. M.W. Bro. Duncan C. Carmichael, Grand Master.

Alabama mourned for the loss of Past Grand Master James Andrew Bilbro, 1896-7.

The Grand Master's annual address is full of the business of the past year and shows him to have been a busy man. We quote the following as part of his interesting remarks:

Our field of endeavor is just as extensive or just as narrow and limited as we care to make it. If we wish to limit its scope so as to conform to the narrow views and small ambitions for human service, then Masonry's field of endeavor becomes small indeed. If, on the other hand we choose to broaden the avenues of our minds and lay

aside of our pet preconceptions, thus rendering ourselves more receptive to the better human impulses, we can greatly extend the province of our endeavors.

We ought never to forget that the mere fact that we are Masons may be taken by the rest of the world to mean that we are at least endeavoring to be good men and citizens; and we should always remember that we wear the badge of Masonry of our own free will and accord. We cannot urge as an excuse for our shortcomings that any of us were unduly influenced.

Everywhere there is a tendency to lay stress upon the fact that more is expected of a man because he is a Mason, and we ought to promote and encourage this tendency by living up to those expectations. A petition for the degrees of Masonry ought to be the equivalent of an announcement to all the world that the applicant expects to endeavor to live a proper life, assume his full duty of citizenship, and be fair and square in all his dealings with all mankind.

Fellowmen does not necessarily mean "Fellowmasons". The duties, responsibilities and obligations assumed upon entrance into the Masonic Fraternity are not binding merely upon ourselves. One is not a Mason at all who regards the fraternity as a privileged circle, and that all outside that circle are fair game for any sort of questionable transaction. Those who hold this idea have missed the real teachings and purposes of our degrees. Being a Mason ought to carry with it a readily recognised stamp of real character—one that may be as easily recognised by the profane as by the elect. Anything less than this must of necessity bring discredit upon the fraternity. If we practice our principles only between ourselves, then there is but little need, use, reason or excuse for our existence, but if we extend these principles to all the world, then we will indeed become a tremendous force for good in the world. Being a Mason of that type is well worth while.

Eight new Lodges were granted dispensations during the year.

Four Lodges were consolidated into two during the year.

Twelve corner stones were laid—four by the Grand Master and eight by his duly appointed Deputies.

Under the heading of Education the Grand Master says:

As citizens of a great state and members of an order or society that believes in turning on the light of knowledge, how important it is that the American idea as reflected in our republican form of government be cultivated among the masses of our people. Our public schools are becoming more and more efficient in equipping our boys and girls for the issues of life.

We need this training for our young people at this time when there is so much complaint of law violation; we need boys and girls with the idea of law observance so instilled in them that when they enter the pursuits of life there will be no temptation to violate any law on our statute books.

"God give us men. A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess an opinion and a will;
Men who have honor, and will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking."

There is a very interesting report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in which about forty sister Grand Lodges are reviewed, unfortunately Saskatchewan is among the list of those who evidently were not on hand in time for a review. However, better luck next time.

ALBERTA 1925

The twentieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was held on the City of Edmonton, Alta., on Wednesday, June 10th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid, Grand Master.

In concluding his address the Grand Master says: We are all agreed upon the question of the kind of institution to which we are privileged to belong. Let us endeavor to keep it so by not allowing it to be used for the protection of those who do wrong or to promote the welfare of one who is not entitled to it. Freemasonry is performing a great service in welding men together and teaching them ideals of a great common brotherhood and if we, by our efforts, can strengthen these bonds, we will have fulfilled that duty which is required of us. While we continue to do this there is no power on earth that can undermine our Fraternity. It is only when we are inclined to deviate from this path of righteousness that we are in danger of weakening an institution founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue.

Alberta mourned the loss of their Immediate Past Grand Master Bro. George Murray who died Jan. 12th 1925 also the death of their Junior Grand Warden William Louis Ouimette who passed away in Coleman, Alta., Feb. 13th, 1925.

Three new lodges were constituted and nine were instituted during the course of the past year.

Sufficient time has now passed in which to prove the wisdom and foresight of those brethren who first suggested the holding of district meetings and this Grand Lodge can surely be commended, particularly by its Grand Master, for enacting a law which now makes it necessary to hold a District Meeting. Our D.D.G.Ms. were most generous in their support. They saw that no detail was overlooked to make each meeting a success.

The D.D.G.M. of each district presided at the meeting of his respective district. Many questions of vital interest to the Craft were received through the question drawer. These related to the Work and also to the Constitution, benevolent work, jurisprudence and other matters pertaining to the subordinate lodge and district.

The report of the D.D.G.Ms. of the fifteen districts shew that Masonry in Alberta is moving along with very satisfactory improvement and that everything is in a very healthy condition.

The Grand Librarian has an excellent report shewing among other matters great improvement in the action of the Masonic Circulating Library which now consists of thirteen sets of three or more books per set which are sent out, upon application to the Lodges—one set at a time—and the time allowed for each set is sixty days, when it must be returned. This should be of great use to the members and it is to be hoped that the brethren of Alberta will make full use of this privilege.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reported:

1. That the establishment, maintenance and augmentation of Masonic Libraries by the subordinate lodges be promoted and largely encouraged, the effects on the craft in the lodges which have established libraries having proved to be very beneficial.

2. That the Grand Lodge circulating library be suitably enlarged to meet the growing demands upon it.

3. That the Grand Lodge issue a quarterly bulletin to its membership.

4. The qualifying for and establishment of lecture courses by competent craftsmen.

5. That the work of compiling a history of Masonry in Alberta including the history thereof from the earliest times, as well as that subsequent to the formation of this Grand Lodge, be proceeded with at once and completed for presentation at the Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Dr. R. S. Thornton, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was present at the Annual Communication and during the session of the Grand Lodge delivered a most interesting address upon "The Great Symbol of the Craft" which was well received by the brethren.

A very interesting report of foreign correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood in which Saskatchewan receives a very favorable couple of pages.

ARIZONA 1925

The forty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona Free & Accepted Masons was held in the City of Phoenix, Arizona, February 10th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Otis James Baughn, Grand Master.

In his address to Grand Lodge he says:

A marked advance, I hope and believe, has been made in the cause of Freemasonry in Arizona. The craft are at work everywhere over the state, vigilant, energetic, striving to uphold and more firmly establish the splendid tenets of this ancient and honorable institution.

As we survey the field we cannot help but feel proud of the outstanding character and attainments of the membership of our constituent lodges. Never was there a finer body of men gathered into one organization together. And brethren, that is as it should be. Masons should be the outstanding men of their respective communities. They should be the leaders in thought and in action in all movements for the uplift of humanity and the placing not only of Masonry but also the daily lives of the people everywhere on a higher moral plane. They should by their everyday actions prove conclusively to the whole world that no man can become a Master Mason without in truth and in fact having become a better man.

In two or three of my talks to Lodges upon the occasion of my official visits to them, I touched upon this subject in some degree, and the response was so instantaneous and so sincere, that I venture to enlarge a little upon this matter of such vital importance to our present generation. You may call me old fashioned, and perhaps I am, but it does seem to me that there is a marked difference between the rigor of the social and moral conventions of my youth and to-day. If I be not mistaken, there has been a steady lowering of such standards and of the bars of such conventions ever since the great world war.

Stunned by the awful spectacle of a conflict for supremacy which surpassed the wildest dreams of mankind in its tearing asunder of all the highroads and pathways of peace and morality, the nations of the world to-day seem unable to get back to a position where civilization as a whole can re-establish itself in the former well ordered paths of moral cleanliness. Particularly does it seem to me that our Nation

and our State have suffered in this respect. Our youth is rebellious of proper restraint and "brazenness" sometimes seems to be the watch-word of the hour.

As Masons, my brethren, have we not a mighty task before us, and yet ought we not to undertake it with a song in our hearts and a grim determination to succeed? With all the vigor and force at our command, shall we not in our respective communities challenge the progress of vice and immorality? Let us frown upon those things which make for looseness of the social and moral conventions, and by our voice and our action properly encourage the re-establishment of this State and Nation in the pathway of proper moral restraint. Such a course I believe to be our duty and such a cause I suggest as entirely worthy of the highest aims of this venerable institution. So mote it be.

Bowie Lodge was duly constituted March 20th, 1925.

The corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Phoenix, Ariz. was well and truly laid according to the ancient usages of the Craft on the 11th, February 1925.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that they had investigated the Grand Lodge "lessing zu der drei Ringen" of the Republic of Czecho Slovakia, and recommended recognition of the same as a regular independent governing body of Symbolic Freemasonry; that they also had investigated the following Grand Lodges, to wit: Venezuela, Argentina, Guatemala and Spain and find that conditions in those countries do not at present appear favorable to Freemasonry, and that the Committee did not feel justified at the present time in granting recognition to these Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge received two delegates from the "Pacific Grand Lodge of Mexico" who in a very interesting address delivered by one of the visitors explained their situation and their desire for closer connection and an earnest invitation to be present at their annual communication to be held the next month.

The report of the committee on Masonic Service and Education, in part is as follows:

The major portion of your Committee's activities during the past year has been along the lines of individual letters of advice and suggestions to Masters and other interested Brethren as to the formation of study clubs and to help those clubs already functioning.

We most heartily agree with the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master that the spoken word is of much more value in Masonic education than the printed word, but in Arizona, with its magnificent distances between Lodges and the lack of trained speakers, Masonically in a sparsely settled country, we are compelled to rely on local talent and that is where these Monthly Short Talk Bulletins fill in the void heretofore referred to. The Masonic Service Association itself does not want them merely read to the Lodges, the object is for an individual brother to get inspiration from them and pass that along to his brethren.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

ARKANSAS

The eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held in the City of Little Rock, Ark., Tuesday, November 18th, 1924. M.W. Bro. F. W. Harris, Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master has this to say:

We congratulate ourselves that though the business interests of Arkansas have suffered by the great depression during the past year,

and the minds of the people have been agitated by the industrial and political problems, that naturally arise when our national election year arrives, but by the strict adherence to the ancient landmarks, and the established usages of our profession, we avoid the storms which wreck other societies and continue unabated our work of benevolence.

We stand therefore, on a platform broad enough and strong enough to hold all good men, but let it be remembered that those that come to us must come of their own accord and not by our solicitations.

Our prospects are not proclaimed from the rostrum, pulpit, house tops or streets, but should be exemplified in our daily life and conduct as taught by the Holy Bible, the Great Light of Masonry. Make it then the man of your council and the meditation of your thoughts.

Arkansas mourned for the death of two past Grand Officers, viz.: M.W. Bro. J. S. Reamy, Grand Master Nov. 1916—Nov. 1917, died May 19, 1924.

R.W. Bro. F. W. Tucker, Grand Treasurer, 1910—1920, died March 13, 1924.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Orphan Home and School was submitted to the Grand Lodge in which it appears that they are looking after 45 boys and 53 girls who according to the Committee's statement are doing good work and everything is in smooth running order.

The Grand Orator R.W. Bro. P. C. Goodwin delivered a very able and interesting address on the Masonic subject of "Love" of which we quote: "Love has no quarrel with Christian, Jew, Mohammedan, Confucian, Buddhist or any other creed," and this spirit of love and kindly feeling for mankind is Masonry's crowning glory.

It respects every religious faith and belief, and honors every honest believer, whatever his individual church or creed may be. All men who believe in the fatherhood of God are thus tolerant, and the critics and religious zealots who denounce Freemasonry as Godless are obviously ignorant, intolerant and unjust to their fellow man.

Freemasonry is out of necessity an aid to every association of men whose purpose is the amelioration of the human family. It has no dogma, no bigotry, and no ism to cloud, to darken and to restrict its human work, or to limit the splendour of its achievements in the cause of humanity. Freemasonry is an institution destined to endure through the long lapse of ages, a venerable fabric which time cannot weaken, nor persecution shake, nor revolution change. Kingdoms and Empires have been entombed in the cemetery of Time; thrones have crumbled into dust; kings and nations have mouldered away; but through all these vicissitudes Masonry has endured and stands to-day like a golden monument in the vale of humanity, against which the surging waves of the ocean of time dash, only to brighten the lustre.

Morality and Humanity are her foundations; Truth and Virtue are her pillars of strength, and Brotherly Love is the High Priest that ministers at her altars. It is the prayer of Masonry that peace and love should destroy discord and war, and enthrone concord and humanity in all the nations of the earth."

There is no report of Foreign Jurisdictions.

BRITISH COLUMBIA 1925

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the Masonic Temple at Kamloops, on Thursday the 18th day of June 1925. M.W. Bro. Stephen Jones, Grand Master.

The Grand Master opens his annual address thus: It is my great privilege to welcome you to-day to the 54th Annual Communication of our Grand lodge in this good City of Kamloops, the "Inland Capital" as it has been so often called. By a strange coincidence our 20th annual communication was held here exactly 34 years ago to-day, day for day, on the 18th and 19th of June 1891; and it is a matter of congratulation to ourselves that M.W. Bro. A. McKeown (the twelfth to hold the high office of Most Worshipful Grand Master) who presided at that meeting in 1921 is yet in our midst and with us here again to-day. Kamloops Lodge was then but five years old.

The work of the past year has been of a most satisfactory and happy nature. Its chief characteristic has been the harmony which so universally prevails throughout Freemasonry. This great blessing has contributed perhaps more than any other to the substantial progress of our Masonic work and to the material increase in our numbers. At the time of the first meeting of Grand Lodge held in this City of Kamloops there were thirteen Warranted Lodges and three Under Dispensation, and our total membership of about 700. Today, after years of quiet steady well-spread growth we have 105 Constituent Lodges and a membership of approximately 13,393. In this Province the membership of the Craft even within our limited population, is second only to the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada the Province of Ontario.

My first Official service was that of attendance at a joint Communication of the Lodges of District No. 1 on 23rd June last, when they welcomed over 200 of the brethren serving on this squadron, at the Masonic Temple, Victoria. In the history of the nations of the world, the British Navy has been long a dominating factor both in war and in peace. It was one of the controlling forces throughout the Great War. And in the ranks of the Navy are found great numbers of our brethren. Our Freemasonry too has a most intimate connection with Great Britain. Indeed all English-speaking Freemasonry finds its origin in the Motherland, while the Warrants of all Regular Lodges of many other races and tongues are traced back to that same source.

It was my privilege to deliver the address of welcome to our Brethren of the Squadron. The Communication was opened and closed by the Officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1 while the Officers of United Service Lodge No. 24 conferred the Master Mason degree. R.W. Bro. W. H. F. Richdale presided at a splendid banquet with a programme which was heartily enjoyed by all.

In the great realm of Freemasonry no feature stands forth more prominently than the bountiful and unselfish Benevolence that marks the efforts of the Craft.

Our beloved Institution has always been conspicuous for its manly attitude in caring for any of its members with whom for a time fate has dealt unkindly. It has been well said, "He is truly great that is great in Charity." To pity distress is but human, to relieve it is God-like."

Freemasonry teaches the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; it insists upon respect for constituted authority, and obedience to the law. Freemasonry unites men of every country, creed, sect and opinion in high and common aim. Therefore it is our duty as Freemasons who have been taught the true meaning of friendship, of brotherly love and of charity, to uphold the law, and in our daily lives, in our transactions with our fellow men, to so act and to so live, that the world may point to us as loyal and model citizens. No man is perfect, but as Freemasons, if we adhere to the teachings of the Volume of the Sacred Law given us by the Great Architect of the

Universe, we shall be all the happier as individuals ourselves, while at the same time the Craft to which we belong will continue to enjoy increasingly high honour and respect. At this time a great responsibility rests upon us; there is a great and insidious disregard for law throughout the land, a state of things demanding our most serious thought. The exemplification in the lives and actions of the Brethren of the precepts and the principles of Freemasonry will do much for the re-establishing of conditions leading to a proper respect for law and regard for upright living.

Two Lodges under dispensation were granted Warrants, viz: Nanaimo Lodge No. 110 District No. 5 and Gothic Lodge No. 111 in District No. 14.

The reports of the various D.D.G.Ms. are all very clear and to the point in almost every case and shew that the brethren appointed to that office appear to realise what is wanted of them and their reports.

There is also a very good foreign report of sister Grand Lodges but unfortunately Saskatchewan's annual did not connect in time to be included, better luck next year.

CANADA IN ONTARIO 1925

The seventieth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was held in the City of Hamilton, Ontario, Wednesday, July 15th, 1925.

Owing to the sickness of M.W. Bros. W. J. Drope, Grand Master the throne was occupied by R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Deputy Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson as Deputy Grand Master.

In the annual address of the Grand Master notice was made with reference to the City in which Grand Lodge was meeting.

Seventy years ago there was held in this city a convention of delegates deputed to consider the expediency of establishing an Independent Grand Lodge of Canada. At that convention held in the fall of 1855, the forty one lodges there represented formally constituted themselves "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada" and solemnly declared its objects, "to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, establish order, ensure tranquillity, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft and secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of Masonic privileges."

These forty-one lodges have now become five hundred and forty six, with others on the way; the fifteen hundred masons of that day have become over one hundred and seven thousand today.

When our first Grand Treasurer displayed with pardonable exultation a balance sheet with total income of about four hundred dollars and three hundred dollars as the year's expense, the rulers of the Craft in 1856 while without doubt congratulating themselves upon the careful management of their funds, would hardly in their wildest dreams have guessed that in 1925 the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge would show an income of nearly \$150,000.00 and disbursements of nearly \$140,000.00 of which almost \$108,000.00 has gone to the relief of the needy and distressed.

Seventeen lodges were dedicated during the past year, while four warrants were issued for the constitution of new lodges.

Two corner stones were well and truly laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge during the year.

During his year of office the Grand Master paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Lodge of Ireland and later visited the Boys' and Girls'

Schools where over one hundred boys and girls are well looked after in their respective schools.

The Grand Lodge lost through death during the past year three Past Grand Masters, viz.: M.W. Bro. William R. White, K.C.; M.W. Bro. Augustus Toplady Freed and M.W. Bro. His Honor John Ely Harding. There were also twenty-seven acting and past Grand Officers, quite a blow in one year for the Grand Lodge.

One of the paragraphs in the Grand Master's address may perhaps be repeated:

"Freemasonry is not a benevolent institution. It is not organised as such, and such is not its purpose. The obligation to relieve the needs of a Brother in distress is primarily the obligation of the individual member and of the Lodge to which the brother belongs. It is, moreover, a duty that can neither be evaded nor delegated. Grand Lodge is ready and will always be ready to assist where assistance is required. But no effort of Grand Lodge, however great it may be, can ever take the place of the direct personal interest of the private lodge, of the word of encouragement and sympathy from a Brother to a Brother, of the relief that is given with a "covered hand", that appears upon no balance sheet, and that is received without any sense of humiliation. And a private lodge that seeks to pass on to the benevolent fund of Grand Lodge an undue portion of its responsibilities is not only acting unfairly to the other lodges but is an enemy to its own interests, for Masonry in a lodge which neither knows nor practises charity, like faith without works, is a thing that is dead."

Long Service Medals: The Grand Secretary read the names of thirty six Past Masters within the jurisdiction who had served as Rulers of the Craft for more than fifty years. These brethren were duly assembled at the altar and were each presented with a medal (Long Service Medal) with best wishes of the Grand Lodge. The dates of their being masters varied quite a piece but the oldest date noted was 1861, sixty four years ago Master of his Lodge.

The Masons of Ontario should have a very good idea of how their respective sister lodges are getting along as a very full and complete report of every district is submitted by the D.D.G.Ms. and practically every lodge in each district receives a full report as to its condition.

The report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry is well worth reading and shows that they are very earnest in their desire that the District system should be successful and apparently they are well satisfied with its present arrangements and concludes thus: "The Committee's study of the condition of Masonry in Ontario during the past year has convinced it that there is every cause for honest pride and heartfelt congratulation. The District Deputies have been conspicuous for their devotion to faithful service and the officers of the lodges as well as the members have displayed every anxiety to co-operate with the representatives of the Grand Master in promoting the best interests of the fraternity."

The Board on the Fraternal Dead appear to have had an unusual list of deceased members to report upon, including three Past Grand Masters in the persons of M.W. Bro. William R. White, K.C., M.W. Bro. Augustus Toplady Freed, and M.W. Bro. His Honor John Ely Harding as well as a list of twenty seven acting and past Grand Lodge officers who passed into the silent majority during the past year.

There is an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton in which Saskatchewan receives a very full report of about six pages.

CONNECTICUT 1924

The One hundred and thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held at Hartford, Conn., February 4th and 5th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Winthrop, Grand Master.

From his annual address we quote the following:

We look back to-day upon one hundred and thirty-six years of existence of this Grand Lodge. Many Grand Masters have come and gone. Have we maintained the high standards set by our predecessors? Shall we transmit their ideals unimpaired to succeeding generations?

Brethren, you will remember that I pledged you all my humble powers for service, and I assure you that they have been expended to the best of my ability. Providence has blessed me with health and a year of harmony among the Lodges and Craft that cannot be exceeded. One new lodge has been constituted, three corner stones have been laid and four Temples dedicated. These facts, together with the knowledge that more of this sort of work awaits my successor speaks well for the prosperity of Freemasonry in Connecticut. A wonderful addition to our Masonic Home is in process of erection. The numbers have increased but better still the idea is growing that the making of a Mason does not end but rather begins when he has the sublime degree conferred upon him.

This last thought together with respect for Civil and Masonic law the comprehension of the real lesson of the Master Mason degree and the preservation of the reputation of the fraternity unsullied has been the seed which your Grand Master and his Deputies have endeavored to implant this past year.

The Grand Master reported forty-two dispensations for various matters, and also that no decisions involving new law were given during the year.

The Grand Master agrees with Bro. Withed of the Grand Lodge of California who states: that the matters particularly requiring the attention of the Craft in the United States are;

First—Masonic education and the desire to furnish to the newly raised Master Mason information and instruction as to the symbolism, the history and ultimate purpose of the fraternity; and

Second—Impressing upon the members of the Fraternity that Masonry stands for law and order and that the individual as a Mason and a citizen must live up to this ideal.

Regarding the first, I feel that some way should be found for a greater use of our Grand Lodge Library. My inquiry of the Grand Secretary revealed to me how far below its possibilities it is used. Is there not some way by which travelling sets of books possibly under the direction of the Masonic Service Association could be sent about among the Lodges? A very good foreign correspondence report is added to the Proceedings prepared by P.G.M. Kies in which Saskatchewan receives a page of fraternal notice.

DELAWARE

The one hundred and nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in the City of Wilmington on the first day of October A.D. 1924. M.W. Bro. Edward W. Cooch, Grand Master.

The Grand Master towards the close of his annual address, left this message to the constituent Lodges: "Keep up the interest. Give

the new members instructions for their labors. If differences arise endeavor to settle them for the best interest of Masonry and in a way that will leave no lasting scars.

"To the Fraternity as a whole: Practice the teachings of Masonry in your daily contact with your fellows. There is nothing wrong with our ritual. There is nothing wrong with the institution itself. The fault lies with the member who is not and never will be a Mason."

The Grand Secretary's Annual Report shows a net gain for the past year of 141 members, a membership of 5860 Master Masons.

The Masonic Service Committee have a very interesting report, from which may be taken the following:

No movement in Masonry since its inception as a speculative philosophy of life has so emphasized its opportunities for service as has the Masonic Service Association, which had its beginning during the Great War. If Masonry is to consist only in sitting along the side lines and listening to the conferring of the degrees, and delving into the mysteries of Masonic precedent and jurisprudence, eating at two or three banquets each year and listening to indifferent speeches on the wonders of the Masonic ritual, then there does not seem to be as good a reason for its existence as there should be. Everyone, however, who knows his Masonry knows that it does not stand for precept alone, but for practice.

The purpose of the Masonic Service Association is two-fold; first to make possible a larger knowledge of the history and the significance of the teachings of the fraternity; and second, to guide its members into the field of larger service by the practical application of those teachings to modern life.

"How can the Mason serve his community? First of all he can give his moral and financial and physical support to those institutions in the community which make for its welfare. He can lend the church a helping hand, whether he likes the minister's sermons or not. The minister is not the Church any more than the Master of a Lodge is Masonry. He can get behind the task of public education and work to see that the boys and girls of the present generation have the best schooling in books and character building that money and brains can give them. He can encourage public playgrounds, libraries, night schools, hospitals, de Molay chapters, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. movements. To him who has the spirit to serve, opportunities are not lacking.

Saskatchewan has a short report which is courteous.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1924

The one hundred and fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was held at Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C. on December 17th, 1924. M.W. Bro. Charles F. Roberts, Grand Master.

In the course of his address, which is very interesting and instructive in many ways we notice the following:

School of Instruction—A school of Instruction is held under the direction of the Committee every Saturday evening in the Masonic Temple, and it is a notable fact that those Lodges whose officers are frequent in their attendance upon the school stand in the front rank in the excellence of their rendition of the ritual. In addition to the meetings of the school at which general instruction is given the committee holds quarterly meetings for the exemplification of all the

degrees, and it has met with marked success in its efforts to secure accurate work.

It has come to my notice that some lodges, usually those whose officers do not attend the School of Instruction, have some brother designated as Instructor of Work to instruct the officers. While this is a matter within the province of the lodge, it seems to me that some supervision of such instructors is desirable, and I recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt a regulation requiring that no brother shall be designated as instructor who has not received from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of proficiency in the work of the three degrees, said certificate to shew that he is considered as qualified to instruct in that work.

The Grand Master has a good word to say about the Masonic Service Association: "Out of the added knowledge of its purposes and progress, I am more than ever impressed with what it is accomplishing, its comprehensive plans and its wonderful possibilities. One of its lines of activity is a book department which has published a number of Masonic books written by brethren high in the Councils of the Craft and designed to popularize and increase the reading of Masonic Literature. Its 'Little Masonic Library' just issued, is a most attractive work and specially deserving of perusal.

Many of us are well aware of the growing desire on the part of members of our fraternity in all its branches to be engaged in real constructive work, something that will last, and to me the important problem for those charged with the direction of Masonry to-day is not how they may increase its already large membership, but how they may direct into the proper channels and toward definite worthy ends its great latent power which up to this time has been so little utilized. There has been much accomplished along these lines. The call for it has been so urgent that it has everywhere been felt and it must be heeded. Some of its outlets have been along the lines of the Masonic Service Association, others along the lines of educational work, and in many instances it has been expressed by the erection of costly and magnificent temples, but with all that has been done, it is evident that only a beginning has been made and that our fraternity is still like a sleeping giant, capable of great things, but through indolence, indifference, or lack of competent guidance accomplishing a small part of what it should be doing.

Times change and men change with them. Grand Masters come and go, with varying ideas of the relative values of matters in which our fraternity is concerned. What appeared important to me may not be so regarded by my successors, but we have the comforting assurance that the policies, principles and ultimate purposes of Freemasonry are fixed and then necessarily the efforts of all are directed toward the same worthy end. Under such conditions energetic co-operation in the larger things will always produce the desired results and if we couple with fraternal unity of action a respect for and a broad tolerance of the views of others, we shall reap the reward that follows upon conscientious effort.

That such may be our lot as a Grand Lodge, as constituent lodges and as individual Masons, and that the Grand Master of the Universe may bestow upon each brother an abundant measure of health, happiness and prosperity is my earnest wish.

Jurisprudence—The Committee on Jurisprudence brought up this question which had been submitted to them.

Sec. 88 of the Grand Constitution provides:

"No Lodge shall initiate any candidate who is under 21 years of age. . . .

The provision here is that no lodge may initiate any candidate who is under 21 years of age. The provision points to age at the time of initiation rather than to age at time of making application. Your committee knows of no decision holding specifically as now held by the Grand Master. We are aware of some instances where the application has been made and received by the Lodge before the petitioner was 21 years of age but who was of that age when the petition was acted upon by the Lodge and he was initiated.

In order that our law may be clear upon the subject we suggest and recommend that section 88 of the Grand Constitution be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

"No lodge shall accept the petition of any candidate who is under 21 years of age at the time of the presentation of his petition to the lodge or whose physical defects are such as either to prevent him from being properly instructed or from confirming literally to all the requirements of the several degrees in Ancient Craft Masonry."

Saskatchewan receives more than a page of notice in the Foreing Proceedings in which the Grand Master's address is favorably received, and the other proceedings are favorably noticed. The benevolent fund report is admirable. It gives credit to the Lodges and it accounts for every cent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1925

The one hundred and fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was held at Washington, D.C. December 16th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Roe Fulkerson, Grand Master.

In his address says:

I come before you to-night, without pride or humility, to tell you the story of the year, its aims, and what measure of success we have won in striving to obtain our ambitions; to make recommendations and to offer suggestions. It seems unnecessary to discuss the eternal verities of Masonry. Masonic principles are as eternal as the everlasting hills. They are to-day as they ever have been. Rather is it my purpose in this report to tell how these principles have been applied during the period just coming to a close. A Masonic year tells a story of idealism crystalized into action, or, allowed to lie dormant, still but a theory.

An administration without an objective might well be an administration devoid of progress.

At the beginning of the year I appointed a special Committee on Education under the capable leadership of Past Grand Master C. C. Coombs. That Committee will report at this meeting, and without anticipating its report I urge on this Grand lodge the necessity for the work it outlines and heartily indorse its recommendations.

The preparation of the new edition of the Masonic Code was placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Bringing into play his wide acquaintance with all Masonic subjects, as well as his legal training, he has produced an edition of the Code which is a marked improvement over the previous editions in two very important respects.

First, the constitution and the digest of decisions follow immediately the sections of the constitution to which they refer. Decisions which do not have reference to any particular section of the constitution have been grouped under the heading "Miscellaneous Decisions."

The Grand Lecturer reports: With the closing of the present year the Grand Lecturer desires to report that at no time in his ten years

observations has he been more highly pleased with the unselfish co-operation accorded him, and has nothing but commendation to offer for the splendid attendance on the Grand Lodge School of Instruction and the strict adherence to the ritual and Code of Laws by every Lodge in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge mourned for the loss of P.G.M. Harrison Dingman who died September 26th, 1925 having been Grand Master in 1889.

At the end of the proceedings is a very interesting report of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, which shews that the institution is doing very good work.

There is a very good report on Foreign Correspondence under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. George W. Baird, P.G.M. in which Saskatchewan is reviewed with a full page of good criticism.

ENGLAND

The representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of England, submits the following as his Report for the past Masonic year.

The progress in Membership in England is shown by the increased number of lodges on the Register, which now amounts to 4105, and during the year 22,116 Grand Lodge Certificates were issued.

It has been known for a long time that members of the Order in Italy have been used for political purposes, and it is no surprise in Masonic circles in England to realise the restriction of their liberties in that country, largely for political reasons.

The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England extends to many parts of the British Empire in the shape of District Grand Lodges, and during the year the Grand Secretary (Sir Colville Smith, recently Knighted) visited Malta for the purpose of installing the District Grand Master there.

On the occasion of the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland on June 4, 1925, the Grand Lodge of England affirmed,

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland, as second in antiquity to the Grand Lodge of England, has exercised so great an influence for good in the 200 years of its corporate existence, that every English Freemason will earnestly pray for its long continued happiness and prosperity."

One believes this expression by the Grand Lodge of England will find a ready echo in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

During the Fall of 1925, a number of visitors from other parts of the Empire attended the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, and the Grand Lodge of England took the occasion of holding a reception at Freemasons Hall in London on September 3rd, 1925, when the Pro Grand Master (Lord Amptill) received the visitors and presented each with a silver souvenir of the occasion, bearing the Arms of the Grand Lodge of England.

During the year the United Grand Lodge of England gave official recognition to the Grand Lodge of Ecuador and the Grand Lodge of Chile, both in South America.

The election of the Grand Master was proclaimed in the following terms:

"Be it known, that the Most High, Most Mighty, and Most Illustrious Prince, Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathern, Earl of Sussex, Knight of the Most Noble Order

of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Great Master and First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Field Marshal in the Army, etc., etc., etc., has been elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England for the ensuing year, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve."

and special mention was made of the fact that the occasion of this election was the 75th Birthday of his Royal Highness, the 50th Anniversary of his admission to the Craft, and the 25th Anniversary of his election as Grand Master.

The Masonic Million Memorial Fund, to establish a permanent peace memorial, continues to what may now be considered is certain to be a successful termination. On August 8, 1925, the Grand Master presided at a Dinner in the Olympia, London, at which 7,000 Grand Officers and other brethren were present and enthusiastically supported the loyal and personal Toasts, and it was then announced that the Fund for this purpose, which has been fixed at £1,000,000, had already reached £845,000, towards which £565,000 had been received, and already £526,000 had been invested in British Government securities.

As proof of their affection and esteem for the Mother Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria have become associated financially with the Masonic Million Memorial Fund.

The Grand Lodge of England formally expressed, on behalf of Freemasons generally, the universal sorrow at the death of the late Queen Alexandra, and voted 300 Guineas to the Fund to be raised as a national memorial to the Queen of their former Grand Master.

The watchful care of the Grand Lodge of England is shown by the re-affirming by the Grand Lodge of England of its undertaking to the Home Secretary of the Imperial Government in 1902, that the Grand Lodge will continue to condemn any attempt to resume the practice of consuming intoxicating liquor in a Lodge, or on premises directly associated with a Lodge, while the Lodge is open and engaged in Masonic business.

The Grand Lodge of England during the year re-affirmed the rule that no Masonic Jewel, Medal, Device or Emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge unless it appertains to or is consistent with those degrees which are recognised and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge as part of pure and Ancient Masonry, and has been approved by the Grand Master." This of course refers only to Masonic Jewels and the like. The Grand Lodge of England has at the same time expressed its emphatic disapproval of the exhibition in public of Masonic certificates of any kind.

The Grand Lodge of England has also pronounced the advertised "Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for Men and Women" an unauthorised body, and declared that the discipline of the Grand Lodge of England would be exercised towards any Brother present

at or assisting in assemblies professing to be Masonic and which are attended by women.

During the year an appeal of considerable interest was brought before the Grand Lodge by a Brother who was excluded from his own Lodge for systematic black-balling of all other applicants, because one of his own candidates was not accepted by his Lodge. The evidence was so definitely against the appellant, indicating the deliberate misuse of the ballot, that by practically a unanimous vote his appeal was dismissed and his exclusion from the Craft was considered proper.

GEORGIA 1924

The One hundred and thirty eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was held at the City of Macon, Ga. October 28th and 29th, 1924. M.W. Bro. James D. Hamrick, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is full and replete with his actions during his year of office and makes very interesting reading.

It is not so much what a Mason professes, as what he does, that furnishes the standard of measurement applied by the world at large, and the living question which confronts us to-day is: "What are the fruits of Freemasonry in the lives and conduct of those who profess it?"

The lives of Masons of other days have passed into history. We of the present day are making history which shall be read by those who come after us, and it shall be our great concern to give such character to that history as will bring credit to ourselves and reflect honor on the Order.

"Every Mason shall aim to be a perfect workman building with care the temple of his own life, a temple whose cornerstone is virtue and purity of heart, upon which he builds by the cultivation and improvement of all his reasoning faculties and intellectual powers.

If Freemasons fail to build their lives into beautiful temples, it is not for the lack of a perfect pattern, plan and precedent. Their faith teaches them that the perfect pattern is not of the world, nor in themselves, but in the mind of the Supreme Grand Master.

Masonry is, above all things, a study of that pattern. In its symbolism every Mason may find the perfect plan—the Master of Israel, the superintendent of the building, the real Prince of the Tabernacle. He builds in vain who builds by any other pattern. Work according to this alone is good work, square work, such work as we are authorized to receive. The report of the Grand Secretary showed that 3,790 members had been raised in 1924, that 1501 had affiliated and 497 had been re-instated during the year giving a total of 74,075 while the losses had been demitted 1622, suspended 1420 and died 766 making a total loss of 3,808 leaving a total membership of 70,267. That eight lodges had been suspended and three had been granted dispensations.

The report of the Committee on General Welfare is very interesting and shows that the Committee is very much alive and willing to make good. The Committee reported and recommended the establishment of libraries in each Masonic Lodge.

At the last communication of Grand Lodge it was the pleasure of your Committee to submit the recommendation for the creation of the office of Director of Masonic Welfare based upon the resolution submitted by P.G.M. F. O. Miller. Grand Lodge saw fit to adopt the resolution and the recommendation and in the opinion of your Com-

mittee and this Grand Lodge, the action has been not only resultant of the greatest good and benefit, but stands out as one of the most notable steps in the advancement of our Fraternity.

There is a very good review of Sister Grand Lodges but unfortunately a copy of Saskatchewan proceedings have so far not reached the hands of the reviewer.

He has a very interesting paper preceding his review, called "The Involution of Masonry", from which we quote.

There are three processes by which development may be attained. They are (1) Evolution (2) Revolution (3) Involution.

The first has always been the wisest, most substantial and most resultant of good.

The second ever offers the danger of anarchy and destruction and even after benefits are achieved, if achieved, evolution must be employed to improve or perfect.

The third means is the most complete by which development can be obtained.

The histories of the world have been centred around these three methods of advancement.

Freemasonry is a part of life. It is influenced by, as well as it influences, the character of that with which it comes in contact.

It is influenced to the extent that, while it holds to the ancient Masonic customs, it adapts itself so as to make its proper and righteous impressions upon the minds and hearts of those living in the complexities of a changing state of affairs.

According to our mind this is the interpretation of the statement that "Freemasonry is a progressive Science." Standing firm upon the unchangeable principles, it is, and shall always be necessary that Freemasonry in its application of its Science shall be according to progressive methods. The same is true of Church, of government and of all organizations in which life plays a part.

GEORGIA 1925

The One hundred and thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was held in the City of Macon, October 27th, 1925. M.W. Bro. James D. Hamrick, Grand Master.

In the course of his annual address the Grand Master has this to say:

"Someone has said: 'Show me the man who can hold on where others let go; who pushes ahead where others turn back; who firmly stands up where others retreat, who knows no such words as "can't" or "give up", and I will show you a man who will win in the end, no matter what barriers oppose, no matter what obstacles confront.' Such a man we would have every Mason be, the tenacious type who can and will hold on where others are letting go. This thing we call "sticktoitiveness" is greatly needed these days when so many dash hither and yon, blinded by the false glamor of life in much the same way as the moth is blinded by the glare of the light. In the vain pursuit of pleasure many are forgetful of the permanent values of life. In a nervous, dissatisfied state of mind, we are apt to let go that which we have and take up with something new and untried. All men appreciate the fine pioneer spirit which makes for progress, but there is a wonderful difference between the initiative and energy of the pioneer and the fickleness and uncertainty of those wavering ones who are continually letting go.

The courage and faith of the pioneer led to the discovery of new lands, blazed the way across continents, explored the poles, the depths of waters, the contents of the earth and the very sky that spreads over us. It forced our own grand Order into being and has carried it onward and upward through the decades amidst trials and disappointments, struggles and sacrifices to its present strong position.

While the pioneer spirit takes hold of the new because it is new it holds on until the end has been accomplished.

The spirit of uncertainty and fickleness takes hold of the new because it is new and spurns the old because of its age, and contributes little if anything to the sum total of the happiness and cheer of the world.

Masons must not be possessed with this spirit. Our organisation must be fired with the courage and faith of the pioneer, that the flower of brotherhood may find its fruit in service to mankind. May our motto be TO HOLD ON.

Closely following upon this determination to hold on is the will which pushes ahead; moral courage, if you please, to support all that is right and worthy in life; to support the constitution and all the laws, to encourage and uphold all institutions working for the betterment and welfare of the human race. Such was the spirit of the martyrs. Our church fathers had it. It throbbed in every vein of those who framed and signed the declaration of our independence. All great leaders and benefactors of mankind have been possessed with it."

Eight Lodges were destroyed by fire during the past year and it appears that six of these had no insurance.

Seven lodges had their charters arrested during the past year.

Eleven corner stones were placed in ample form; five by the Grand Master and six by his deputies.

M.W. Bro. Alexander B. Andrews, P.G.M. of North Carolina was present at one of the Grand Lodge meetings and delivered a very interesting address shewing what North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons was doing to Education in that State.

The report of the Director of Masonic Welfare makes very interesting reading and shews that he is doing a lot of good work throughout the District. He reports the condition of the Craft is better than last year more real constructive work is being done than ever by our lodges. "The real spirit of Masonry is more manifest than ever. I have endeavored in co-operation with yourself and the Grand Secretary to bring up defaulting lodges to the proper standard and we have less of these than ever before. There is still work to be done along this line and I am giving it my best effort."

He then gives a very full report on the Masonic Home property; showing what improvements have been made in that institution showing that at the time of writing his report they had 169 residents there, stating that the moral conditions and personal behaviour of the children was excellent and the standards in this respect high and most gratifying. All of the children having attended church and Sunday school regularly during the year. Their physical condition is splendid. The health and happiness of the children being maintained by providing along with their study, well regulated exercise and amusement. A regular task of work being assigned every child in the Home.

A very full fraternal review of sister jurisdictions is given by Bro. Raymond Dnaile, some sixty Grand Lodge Annuals being considered. We find Saskatchewan given a two page report in a very friendly manner.

IDAHO 1925

The fifty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was held at the City of Pocatello, September 8, 9 and 10, A.D. 1925. M.W. Bro. Frank Knox, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master contains a very full resume of his actions during the past year.

"When you a year ago entrusted me with authority as Grand Master and placed in my hands the gavel, I entered upon the duties with humility, and now with even greater humility I submit to you a report of my official acts which I sincerely trust will meet with your approval. Man may err in his judgment in matters of life as well as in deciding problems of organizations over which he has been placed in authority, and it is my fond hope that if any or all of my official acts do not meet with your approval that you may look upon them charitably and as errors of judgment rather than of the heart."

Fourteen dispensations of different natures were issued during the term.

He received one request for a dispensation to institute a De Molay Chapter also one seeking his opinion as to whether or not it was advisable for a constituent Lodge to sponsor a Chapter of De Molay. In the first instance he refused to grant the dispensation and in both instances ruled that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge had in no wise passed upon this question and there was no authority in their law, that it would seem to be inadvisable for a constituent lodge to sponsor such a chapter before the Grand Lodge has given authority to do so.

"This question is one that will require the serious consideration of this Grand Lodge and for its benefit I am submitting that portion of the address of the Grand Master of Minnesota in 1924 in which he said: 'The popularity of the order of De Molay continues unabated in our own and other jurisdictions. It is in no spirit of criticism or fault finding that I bring to the attention of Grand Lodge certain problems which this organization presents.'

This Order, if my information is correct, has been brought forth under Masonic auspices by one of the subsidiary bodies with no concurrent action on the part of the Grand Lodge. Furthermore, it appears that its sponsorship was established in so-called higher bodies rather than in the Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry. That this method of procedure is unsound needs no words of mine to point out. It is the function of the Grand Lodge to determine what organization shall be formed in the name of Masonry as it is the function of the Grand Lodge to determine the policies of Masonry.

The Grand Lodge is confronted, in this instance, however, by a condition and not a theory. The order of De Molay has been established and the sons of Masons and their friends have joined it by the hundreds and by the thousands, working as they undoubtedly believe, regardless of what they may have been told, in the outer courts of the Temple of Masonry. The Grand Lodge in order to be consistent, must either declare this organization to be a legitimate undertaking of Masonry and one which it sponsors, or it must refuse to do so. Within the year I was asked to give consent to one of our subordinate Lodges to sponsor a proposed chapter of the De Molay. This I refused to do on the ground that the Grand Master had no authority to give such consent until such time as the Grand Lodge might have placed its stamp of approval on the organization."

The Committee on Masonic Education in their report for the year state as follows:

During the year we have distributed to the lodges a series of leaflets treating on Masonic subjects intended as texts and material for discussion and instruction in lodges and study clubs.

In December the subject treated was "Installation" and supplied suggestions for a program for making an impressive event of the annual installation. Judging from observations and reports the program was well taken and resulted in renewing and stimulating much interest in that much neglected annual event.

During the year we have assisted in holding a number of educational meetings. From the experiences of the past year we are strongly impressed with the thought that joint meetings might well be held in each district, possibly one or two a year at which a number of Grand Lodge Officers and members of the educational committee should make an effort to attend, for the purpose of conducting a programme along these lines. It would result in increased knowledge and growing interest among the members, especially in those communities where the lodges seem unable to carry on study clubs successfully.

Bro. J. G. Eldridge, Grand Orator, delivered an oration which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who heard it. The following may be quoted: These then are the four great essentials of Masonry:

1. A Mason believes in God.

2. Growing out of a Mason's belief in such a God comes his belief in Prayer.

3. Masonry believes in the Word of God.

4. Masonry believes in the Immortality of the Soul.

Masonry lays no claim to being a religious sect. Searched to its depths however, and taken in its purity, it is not, indeed, a religion but is Religion itself. For what is Religion? Two definitions of it appeal to me as being as enlightening as any definition can be:

Dean Charles Brown of Yale says that Religion is giving the best one has to the highest he sees. And Dr. John Kelman of England says in slightly more philosophical language, Religion is the recognition by the individual of his relation to the Infinite and his response thereto.

Religion thus defined is exactly the spirit of Masonry.

There is a very full report on foreign correspondence consisting of over two hundred pages of very good reviews of sister Grand Lodges in which Saskatchewan receives a very favorable report.

ILLINOIS 1925

The Eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago, Ill. on Tuesday, October 13th 1925. M.W. Bro. Richard C. Davenport, Grand Master.

The Grand Master opens his annual address thus:

"Give to me, O God, the power to serve
My fellows and my age—the power to live—
The power to work—co-laborer with Thee;
And give me that honest pride which scorns
To take more than my honest share—the pride
To give my fellow man more than his due."

In keeping with our long established custom I take pleasure in submitting to you my report for the Masonic year just closing. Conditions in general are good. The Craft is working harmoniously, and from the number of temples being built and the increase in member-

ship as shewn by the returns to the Grand Secretary we may conclude that Masonry in Illinois is still in a flourishing condition. I have had the pleasure of visiting many Lodges throughout the State and in each have been most cordially received. The fraternal spirit and interest manifested indicate that both the Lodges and their officers are interested in their work and ready to conform to our laws and customs. In most cases where the law has been violated it has been more through ignorance than intention, which gives fresh emphasis to the ever present need of study of our Masonic jurisprudence. No great achievements mark the progress of the Craft this year, yet no serious matter has risen to disturb us. While we are congratulating ourselves on this pleasant condition we are reminded that the year did not pass without bringing us our share of sorrow and distress.

Discipline—Under this heading the Grand Master says: I had hoped that my administration might pass unmarred by the harsh necessity of disciplining any lodge or any officer of a lodge. This hope has not been fulfilled but when we take into consideration that there are nearly one thousand lodges and almost two hundred and eighty thousand Masons in the state it is particularly gratifying to report that in only one instance has it been necessary to resort to such measures.

Character of Lodge Entertainment—Many of our Masters seem to have rather a distorted idea of the kind of entertainment the members of the lodges desire. Several cases have been brought to my attention during the year of proposed entertainments not in keeping with the dignity of the fraternity. In one instance a lodge planned to give a banquet and dance in a well known cafe, on Sunday night. In other cases entertainments of a vulgar nature were proposed. One lodge gave an extremely undignified entertainment but was promptly disciplined when knowledge reached this office. In the other cases the entertainments were cancelled at my order.

Good wholesome entertainment in a lodge at the proper time is very desirable. Masons must realize, however, that our fraternity is a dignified and honorable institution founded upon ideals of respect and reverence, and will not tolerate questionable entertainment or desecration of the Sabbath Day.

Fifteen Lodges U.D. were granted charters by the Committee on Lodges U.D.

The Grand Orator delivered his annual oration on "The Reign of Law" and was accorded a rising vote of thanks at the conclusion. It is a very clear cut and interesting address and contains many interesting points worthy of study by the Mason.

The following may be quoted from the summing up of the address:

As I have said, one of the chief causes of the increase in lawlessness is the instability of modern life, due to rapid changes in the manner of living, with the undermining of old standards of conduct before new standards are re-constructed. I have tried to make plain that the reconstruction of old standards is essential to the reign of law and the guarantee of peace.

In this great work all well-disposed and patriotic persons and organizations should unite. I shall not discuss what other organizations may be able to do. It is enough to point out our duty as Masons.

The fundamental tenets of Masonry are; belief in God, loyalty to our country and service to others. We are a selected class.

No one can be admitted to our Order who has not had his character investigated and who has not by his professions satisfied his brethren of his belief in the principles which bind us together. As a class, Masons are law-biding and patriotic. They have helped to

build the government and to sustain it. Our brethren have never been wanting when called upon for high service. It would seem that there is a high call to duty now and no greater service could be rendered by our Order at present than to begin a mighty movement throughout our Lodges to instil a new respect for law, to urge our members in their various communities and in their different political parties to drive from public office faithless officials who nullify the law for political or financial gain. Masons should be taught to regard all malefactors, high or low, as public enemies.

The influence of our members can be a mighty force in restoring the reign of law. Here, then is a mighty call to duty and service.

A very interesting report on Masonic Correspondence is submitted by R.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, G.S.W. in which Saskatchewan receives a very favorable opinion and report of about a couple of pages

INDIANA 1925

The One hundred and eighth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Indianapolis on Tuesday May 26th, 1925. M.W. Bro. J. Lee Dinwiddie, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his annual address recited the various matters that claimed his attention during the year just passed and the various appointments he had made during that period.

Thirteen Masonic Halls had been inspected during the year while sixteen corner stones had been laid and two new lodges had been organized during the same time.

His address is full and replete with a record of his doings as Grand Master and in concluding his address he says:

That while the duties of the office of Grand Master are sometimes arduous, and bring some unpleasant experiences, yet the memory of the pleasures it brings are so much greater, and so much overshadow them all, that on the whole it is one great stream of pleasure with its source at my installation into office, and emptying into the fuller possibilities of still greater service.

It being human to err, without doubt my mistakes are many, but I hope you may spread the cloak of Masonic Charity over them and meet them as of the hands and not of the heart.

Brethren, Masonry is engaged in a bigger field of labor today than ever before, and needs bigger, better Masons now than ever in the annals of history, and you can, and will, a service render, are doing the will of Him who gave you life, health and power to do.

Then, when in Memory's Garden you are plowing, plow deep a furrow that will reveal the memory of the Mother, whose prayers ascended to God above your play and prattle at her knee, that you might grow and become a big, broad-minded manly man.

Then plow another furrow in the Garden of Memory, deep and wide that will reveal the memories of your Mother Lodge, where, while at the Altar, prayers of the earnest, faithful Mason, were offered to God, that you might grow Masonically, and become a big, broad, true minded, manly Mason.

To have been with you, to labor with you and for you, to know you and learned to love you as I do, is one of the greatest pleasure bearing plants in the Garden of my Memory, and that you, and every member of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction may be a fruit bearing plant, is my earnest prayer.

The Grand Secretary's report makes interesting reading shewing clearly the business done during the year and in the statistical portion shews a net increase for 1924 of 3,129 members. Fifty lodges showed neither a gain nor a loss; 134 lodges shewed a loss of 416 while 373 lodges shewed a gain of 3,545 members, the average membership per lodge being 223. The smallest lodge having a membership of 28 and the largest lodge having a membership of 2,453.

The ninth annual report of the Superintendent of the Indiana Masonic Home shews that Institution is doing some good and valuable work. It harbors 91 men; 63 women; 99 boys and 86 girls, a total of 339 for the past year. "Education is Masonry's Greatest Legacy to Her Children." This is the motto on the corner stone of their school building. The Home is situated in the city limits and their schools are a part of the City schools of Franklin, under the immediate direction and control of the city school board and city school superintendent, who select and pay all teachers.

The report of the Grand Instructor shows that matters regarding the interest taken in Lodge work and the attendance of the members at the general meetings of the lodges is on the whole very good: of course there are some exceptions but that is only to be looked for as in this world we do not expect and cannot find perfection any where.

There is a good report on sister Grand Lodges in which Saskatchewan receives its share in a very nicely drawn report on our general doings.

IOWA 1925

The Eighty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened in due form at Davenport, Iowa, June 9th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Ernest R. Moore, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address, short but business like, is kept close to the various points at issue and wanders not and is fully taken up with Grand Lodge business.

The Grand Lodge suffered great loss in the death of Bro. Newton R. Parvin their Grand Secretary, whose services as such had been maintained for a period of fifty three years and in a most satisfactory manner.

The following is taken from page 252 of the proceedings of 1925:

Brother Newton Ray Parvin will ever be remembered by the Iowa Craft for his long and devoted services to Freemasonry in this jurisdiction.

Yet actively engaged as Brother Parvin was in the secretarial duties of the Grand Lodge of Iowa—service extending from 1872 until 1925 he will be remembered most widely as the Librarian of the great Masonic Library founded by his father in 1844. "Iowa Masonic Library" and "Parvin" are synonymous terms to Masonic scholars the world over so ineradicably have father and son impressed their personalities upon their greatest work. Inheriting a love of literature and art from his father, and a desire to collect and make available anything and everything bearing upon our gentle Craft, Brother Newton R. Parvin loyally carried out the sacred trusts imposed upon him, and has left the field of Masonic bibliography richer for his labours.

Those fortunate enough to have known Brother Parvin personally will long remember his unbounded enthusiasm, untiring energy and intimate knowledge of things Masonic. His life was given to the Craft. In common with another great personage in Freemasonry, he

too, was stricken in the performance of duty, and equally do his brethren mourn him and the loss which the Fraternity has sustained by his demission into the Grand Lodge above.

The Librarian's report shows that the Grand Lodge is proud of its library from which we quote the following:

A library to-day is no longer a building: it is a living and throbbing institution, from whose centre radiates a service gladdening and vitalising the existence of many people. The Iowa Masonic Library is no exception; and while this report necessarily touches upon some of our material adjunct it is the earnest desire of your Librarian to emphasize the service which the Library renders not only to the Craft in Iowa, but to Freemasons in other parts of the world as well. We can well be proud of what has been gathered within the wall of our buildings in Cedar Rapids; but we are justified in taking a still greater pride in the service which Iowa Masonry renders to the Craft by the educational activities of the Library, and by the more recently developed Masonic Service Committee.

The Iowa Masonic library is no longer a jurisdictional activity; it has extended its influence beyond such limits. Brethren from every part of the United States make pilgrimages to Cedar Rapids for the purpose of studying within the walls of our institution; visitors from abroad do not deem it beneath their dignity to pay homage in person and by means of the written word. Rich in tradition, due to the personality and efforts of its founder and his able successor, it commands a prestige that is heightened by the service which it renders.

The Committee on Masonic Service have a very interesting report and shew that their work is well appreciated by the brethren throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

An increased number of County or Community Masonic Picnics were held during the summer months, most of which were an opportunity for addresses by members of our Speakers' Bureau to the families and friends of Craftsmen.

We early found that officers and members of many lodges would welcome special group meetings to be visited by officers of the Grand Lodge and members of our Speakers' Bureau. The project was laid before the Grand Master and received his hearty approval and promise of personal co-operation to the fullest extent possible.

We, therefore, started a series of "Fellowship Meetings" at various places; at each meeting brief and inspiring talks were made by the Grand Master, one or both of the Grand Wardens and a number of this Committee or of the Speakers' Bureau.

It is conceded that this series of meetings most happily promoted a fellowship among all of those participating, and fraternal acquaintance among the officers of the lodges concerned and the visiting brethren. In several instances auto parties of interested brethren followed from one meeting to the next.

Our records further shew that constituent lodges have held 140 service or festival meetings at which talks have been made by our speakers and reported to our office. 108 of such meetings have been in tiled lodges with nearly 12,000 brethren attending and 32 have been open meetings with nearly 12,000 brethren attending.

A very full report on Fraternal Correspondence is submitted by P.C. Master Louis Block covering 225 pages but amongst these we failed to observe any remarks with reference to Saskatchewan. However we were not alone but hope to catch the writer's eye another year

KANSAS

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held in the City of Wichita, Kansas, Wednesday the 25th day of February 1925. M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Strain, Grand Master.

In the course of his address the Grand Master says:

We assemble in Annual Communication this morning as have our brethren for sixty nine years, to counsel together; to renew our collective inspiration for the wonderful work of Masonry; and to concentrate our united judgment upon the necessary business, as well as the deeper things which are of vital import to the Institution.

It is well for us, as we come to the higher places on the trail of life, to pause and look backward: to see where we have been walking, and note the beauty spots we could not see in passing; to rejoice at the triumphs over evil and error; to regret taking the wrong fork of the trail awhile back when we so well knew the right one; and to gather inspiration for the effort before us, no matter where the road may lead.

In this opening hour it is profitable that we visualize the scenes following the new era which gave us the true God, and the higher ideals upon an unshakable foundation; to recall the pillar of fire and cloud by which the Great Jehovah led the chosen people; and to realize that His goodness and guidance has never failed Christian people and nations, nor can it. The failure of tribes of the earth's history is directly traceable to human weakness and disobedience of God's law and direction.

That leadership is weak indeed which cannot find in the experience of the ages ample direction for our thought and action upon the road before us. Light is the desire of Masonry. Not only for the years of this life, but through the imperishable part of man, so nearly infinite, they may come an illuminating vision of the life to come. In social, civic, state and national life the importance of the individual act and influence was never so great as now. Man is as a swift running stream, tossed hither and yon not knowing where or why. Would that they might be led to still water and deep thinking.

Our structure is laid upon solid rock, and out of the saneness of the past we must find the solution of the future. Two schools of Masonic thought have been mentioned, but the great majority of our students are agreed that the effort by so called Masonic Societies to divert Masonry from its original plan, or to add to it, is entirely unworthy of favorable consideration. Our system covers the vital things of life upon which all men agree, and he who comes with alleged improvements knows not of its length or breadth, its height or depth, nor of its center and circumference. This propaganda should stimulate our educational programme. There is safety and power in knowledge. Our policy on this point cannot be too broad or aggressive.

District Meetings—The District Meeting with a Deputy Grand Master for each district is abundantly justified. The esoteric work is better and more uniform from year to year. Through these meetings the fundamentals and plan of Masonry are carried direct to the Craft. Discussions of perplexing problems, and varying manner of meeting and overcoming difficulties is of great and mutual benefit. The privilege of visitation is magnified and the social side of the brotherhood is advanced. But the lodges in many instances do not properly respond to the opportunity provided. Grand Lodge officers attend these meetings at a considerable sacrifice, and outside of the local lodge, get opportunity to meet but few of the brethren of the district.

and too often but a small number of the lodge officers. Let us make 1925 a banner year. That all may have due notice, the date and place of this year's meetings are given below.

Growth—Our numerical progress has been proportionate to the times and activities of the lodges.

Our great concern is not so much in numbers, but in the implanting of the precepts of Masonry. The making of real Masons and not mere members. The building into every life the fundamentals of manhood and the principles of this speculative science of ours. The development in all men of these cardinal virtues and correct tenets, which will give them the mastery of themselves, and the ability to serve their fellows, our country and our God. The elimination of all political methods in our lodges and the substitution therefore, open frankness and intelligent consideration of all questions. The selection of officers by the "who best can work or best agree" method, starting them at the bottom and working them up regularly through the chairs so that when they become Worshipful Master their attitude may be devout and humble and their service a masterful one.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan must have gone astray somehow or other as it does not appear along with the other Grand Lodges interviewed. Better luck next year, we hope.

KENTUCKY 1924

The One hundred and twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held at Louisville, October 21st, 1924. M.W. Bro. Alpheus E. Orton, Grand Master.

In the course of his annual address the Grand Master says:

While our membership has not increased during the past year as much as it did during the war; however, we have had a very substantial healthy growth, our roster shewing at this report 72,603 members in 613 lodges. The character of our membership is the most important element of our strength, and to its purity we should apply our zeal. Ours is a fraternity which emphasizes not the spectacular, but the simple fundamental principles of a worthy life; a fraternity whose mission is to build character in men, which will find its truest expressions in private and public morality, and which will exhibit in all human relations the divine wisdom of love. My ambition for every Kentucky Mason is that he may catch the real vision of Masonry; the vision of service and usefulness.

Many of you my brethren, whom I have had the pleasure in meeting in your own Lodges and in your homes are here for the first time. May you be inspired by the work that will be accomplished; and may this communication be of profit and pleasure to each of you; and may you carry back to your homes and to your lodges a higher conception of a just and upright Mason.

To you, my brethren, who have labored year after year in this Grand Lodge and by your earnest efforts erected this wonderful edifice may I express the hope that this communication may be the means of adding another link in that chain that binds us in the service of humanity, and may I ask for your wise council and guidance, that our work may be carried on with only one thought in mind, as to who best can work and best agree.

The Grand Master gives a list of seventy visitations which he made throughout the Grand Jurisdiction during his year of office.

P.G. Master Wilhelm, President of the Old Masons' Home submitted the annual report of the Home which shows that the affairs of the Home are well conducted and that marked improvements in appearance are manifest. At the beginning of the fiscal year there were 61 residents in the Home. Admitted since, 19; died 10; dismissed, 4; making an increase of 5, the number in the Home now 66.

The Committee on the doings of other Grand Lodges reported, that they recommend fraternal recognition of the following Grand Lodges, viz; Queensland, Guatemala; Panama and Mexico.

P.G.M. Wm. W. Clarke submits a report of Foreign Correspondence embracing his reviews of other Grand Jurisdictions in which Saskatchewan is favored with a full page of kindly criticism

LOUISIANA

The One hundred and fourteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was held in the City of New Orleans, La. February 2nd 1925. M.W. Bro. Prentiss B. Carter, Grand Master.

During the course of his address the Grand Master said:

We meet here as the chosen representatives of the thirty-five thousand Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Louisiana. In all of our deliberations, in everything that we do at this session, we should keep an eye single to the good of the Craft, the benefit of Mankind, and the Glory of God. Time has worked changes and the duties of a Mason to-day are far more serious and important than, perhaps, ever before. We are the sub-structure upon which the weight and responsibility for the perpetuity not only of the Masonic fraternity, but of the universal doctrine of freedom of speech, freedom of thought, and freedom of religious worship. In this great American Republic of ours, there are many insidious foes working to undermine and to overthrow the grand structure which our fathers builded and cemented with their blood. It is our duty both to God and to Man, to see that the efforts of these enemies of universal freedom are not successful in their efforts.

I recommend that the minimum dues in all lodges throughout the State shall not be less than \$6.00 per annum. I find that a great many lodges have fixed their dues so low that they have nothing left after paying their Grand Lodge dues and their per capita tax to the Orphanage, with which to care for their own afflicted and dependent ones. They are constantly calling on the Grand Master for relief which they should be in a position to render themselves. I am of the opinion that if a man's Masonry is not worth fifty cents per month to him, that he should not remain a member of the Order, because he is getting nothing out of it and giving nothing to it, and is a liability rather than an asset to his lodge.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Manitoba Lodge were among the distinguished visitors at this meeting of the Grand Lodge and delivered short addresses on the occasion.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home for Orphans make a very interesting report and show that good work is being done towards the completion of the building and that as soon as possible same will be in good shape to receive its patients.

A very interesting and instructive address was delivered by Rev. Bro. Robt. H. Harper, Grand Chaplain, headed "Facing East" was well received and appreciated by the brethren.

A new questionnaire for applicants for admission to the order has been prepared and authorised wherein the Candidate will receive at the

conclusion of an instructive letter a set of thirty one pertinent questions which he will have to answer followed by another set to be answered by the Committee appointed by the Lodge to investigate.

There is a very interesting foreign report on sister Grand Lodges, in which Saskatchewan receives favorable comment.

MAINE, 1925

The One hundred and sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, on Tuesday the 5th day of May 1925. M.W. Bro. David E. Moulton, Grand Master.

In the course of his address, under the heading "Condition of the Fraternity" the Grand Master had this to say:

In 1883 M.W. Marquis F. King, then Grand Master, took pride in stating that Maine with its 19,466 Master Masons stood first in all jurisdictions of the world in the proportion of Masons to population. At that time three per cent of the population in Maine were Master Masons, Nevada stood second with two and five tenths and Vermont with the same. Connecticut fourth with two and three quarters per cent and New Hampshire fifth with two and one quarter per cent. Today with our 42,981 Masons in a population of 768,000 we have a percentage of five and six tenths per cent. and still hold the proud position of first in per centage in this country and probably in the world. Vermont comes second with a per centage of five and one fifth per cent; District of Columbia third, with four and eight tenths per cent; New Hampshire fourth with three and four tenths per cent., while Nevada, originally second in per centage is now fifth with three and ninety eighths per cent.

To gain and hold for more than forty years the distinction of having the highest percentage of Masons to population of all the jurisdictions in the world is a source of satisfaction to this Grand Lodge. It has even greater interest in connection with the history and traditions of our people. Such a percentage of Masons should have had and undoubted has had, great influence in shaping the character of our citizenship.

Under the heading of Charitable Work the Grand Master has this to say:

"While the responsibility of our Fraternity in dispensing charity is individual, and should be kept so and never entirely transferred to the lodges or the Grand Lodge, it is difficult to adjust ancient usages to modern conditions. There has been a vast change since the days when our lodges were small, the members closely in touch with one another, and Masonic relief easily given by brother to brother. Today with many lodges counting their membership by hundreds, the calls for assistance have proportionately increased with no adequate means of distributing the burden. The faithful few attending the meetings should not be expected to bear the entire expense. The alternative seems to be to provide a fund to which all should contribute and from which the needy secure assistance under proper conditions. It does not follow that this assistance need be, or can best be afforded, by the establishment of Masonic homes. Many worthy cases are partially self supporting, and much prefer assistance at home rather than to be a charge upon the Fraternity in any institution, however cordial their welcome thereto.

The Committee on returns reported that the net gain in membership for the past year was 431 as against 826 the previous year and 2,829 for the year ending 1921.

The Grand Lodge of Maine practically unanimously decided to withdraw from the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

Re Chain Letters—These perennial nuisance, like the letters in behalf of the "Fair Spanish Prisoner" refuse to die a natural and well merited death. Your Grand Master has been importuned to issue an edict against the chain letter, but the matter seemed too inconsequential to warrant that amount of attention. If every Mason who receives such letters will throw them into the waste basket where they belong, these relics of superstition will soon cease to annoy.

The application of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for recognition was indefinitely postponed.

Maine also decided to withdraw recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium.

A very interesting and instructive report on Foreign Correspondence is appended at the end of the volume of the proceedings in which Saskatchewan is given a little more than a page of courteous criticism.

MANITOBA 1925

The Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held at Winnipeg, Man., Wednesday, June 10th, A.D. 1925. M.W. Bro. James S. MacEwing, Grand Master.

For the fiftieth time the gavel has sounded in the Grand East of this Grand Lodge to summon the representatives of our Constituent Lodges to receive the reports of our various activities and deal with the business that will be presented.

Fifty years ago on the 12th of May 1875 the Past Masters, Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the three Lodges then meeting in the Province, met in convention and formed themselves into the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The three original lodges which thus formed our Grand Lodge were Prince Rupert's Lodge, Lisgar Lodge and Ancient Landmark Lodge and the total membership in the Province at that time did not exceed two hundred members. From this small beginning Grand Lodge has grown until at the present time we have one hundred Constituent Lodges, and approximately twelve thousand members.

With a justifiable pride in our past let us hope that in entering upon the new era now dawning, our enthusiasm will be increased and that our constant aim will be the making of Freemasons and not members only. Then shall this Grand Lodge of Manitoba continue to redound to the glory of Freemasonry and the heritage of Masonic history to which we are heirs.

During the year just passed two Dispensations were granted for new Lodges, while three charters granted last year were duly issued, and the lodges were consecrated in the usual manner.

Fort Garry Lodge is due great credit for a very unusual but exceedingly interesting evening. They put on a Past Grand Master's night, when fourteen Past Grand Masters out of a possible twenty-six were able to be present and they exemplified the Master Masons' degree in a most creditable manner, the following P.G.Ms. taking the official positions:

M.W. Bro. James A Ovas	W.M.
M.W. Bro. Wm. G. Bell	I.P.M.
M.W. Bro. H. J. Pugh	S.W.
M.W. Bro. E. M. Walker	J.W.
M.W. Bro. P. E. Kellett	Treas.
M.W. Bro. J. W. Harris	Secy.
M.W. Bro. A. B. Baird	Chap.
M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Major	S.D.
M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Jackson	J.D.
M.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher	S.S.
M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher	J.S.
M.W. Bro. Alex. McIntyre	I.G.

There were also present M.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm and M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick.

Under the heading "Masonic Research and Education" the Grand Master says a few good things: "Let us all read more, but let us read not only to increase our own knowledge specially that we may be able to instruct others. Do not absorb only, but also impart. Lodges and members frequently enquire as to where they shall secure interesting matter for lodge discussions. To all such I would recommend the addresses of our Grand Masters and Grand Chaplains, also that reservoir of Masonic interest—Fraternal Correspondence. You may not approve—I may not agree with much that other Grand Lodges do but reading the same will widen your outlook and broaden your vision, while you will also be daily increasing in Masonic knowledge.

To Masters I would say; memorize the work, read your Constitution, not overlooking our Ceremonial, and then extend your horizon by dipping deeply into the rich treasure house of our Grand Lodge Library. Then you may become in deed and in word "Master" which means "Teacher". To the brethren generally I would also say "go thou and do likewise."

The Report of the Committee on the condition of Masonry is well worth reading; under the heading "Average attendance at regular lodge meetings" the following analysis discloses some of the reasons and suggests some things that can be done to correct them:

(a) Members are not sufficiently impressed with the importance of their responsibility to attend regularly.

(b) Lack of sufficient care and thought in the planning of meetings to make them interesting to their members.

(c) Tardiness in opening the lodge and waste of time in despatching the business of the meeting.

(d) A lack of intimate relationship by emphasizing that absence has been noted.

The responsibility for correcting these rests upon the W.M., Wardens and Secretary of the lodge." Your Committee offers the following suggestions.

First. A realisation of the importance of the early stages of a Masonic career, when by earnest efforts such an impression of the dignity and importance of Freemasonry could be made as to indelibly stamp on the mind of the newly made Mason the duties and responsibilities which now rest upon him.

Second. A careful study of the temperament of the Lodge membership so as to provide a diversity of activities that will make an appeal to all classes, programmes for meetings will not just happen, they must be thought out, and one of the chief duties of the principal officers of a lodge is to see that sufficient thought is given to this

subject to develop variety and inspire interest. To this end the resources of the Grand Lodge Library and the advice of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education are available.

Third. The Worshipful Master, by example in promptness, should direct the attention of the officers and members to the fact that the lodge opens at a given definite time and the Secretary should give such care to the arrangement of the business as will ensure its prompt despatch.

Fourth. The fact that absence is remarked will do much to prevent the easily found habit of indifference. In many lodges an attendance Committee, under the leadership of the Senior Warden, calls the attention of every absentee to the fact that he was away and that somebody noticed that he was away. This has improved the attendance in these lodges and as the plan is simple in its operation we recommend its adoption. The telephone is in general use and can be made the instrument of a personal appeal that is human and well nigh irresistible.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry have a very useful and instructive report for the benefit of the brethren; under the heading of "attendance" the committee having analysed this question give the following as reasons for this lack and offer suggestions:

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The responsibility for correcting these rests upon the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Secretary of the Lodge.

In the review of Sister Grand Lodges Saskatchewan receives a very friendly fraternal report.

MARYLAND 1924

The thirty-eighth Annual Communication was held at Baltimore, Maryland, November 18th, 1924. M.W. Bro. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is short but full of business from beginning to end and closes with the following good advice which may be read with advantage to all readers:

Masters should be particularly careful to see that no member goes unscathed who violates the moral or civil law nor who transgresses the laws of honor and manhood. Remember the dignity and high ideals of our fraternity. Be more concerned with teaching the brethren rather than raising a large number of candidates. Look well to the outer door, and do not overlook the fact that it should swing outward as well as inward, and should our good name be traduced, do not forget that the honour and good name of Masonry is in your keeping.

Let me urge each one to do his best at all times, ever remembering that every part of a machine should be in its place and well lubricated to get the best results; you are an integral part of this great machine, and its efficiency is dependent upon each and every part. Such a machine is Masonry and such a part are you. It is

therefore incumbent upon you to so act in the world and so conduct your part in Masonry that the community at large, and you, brethren in particular, may derive benefit from your life and work.

The semi-annual communication was held May 13th, 1924 on which occasion the Grand Lodge welcomed the visit of R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, P.G.W., President of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England, who was duly welcomed by the Grand Lodge and delivered a very interesting and instructive address on that occasion.

The Grand Lecturer's report show that good work is being done along their particular line of work. A total of 108 schools of instruction have been held during the past year and that the attendance at those schools had been very good and that the members show growing interest in the work.

There is no report of Saskatchewan.

MASSACHUSETTS 1924

M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master.

The Quarterly Communications were held March 12; June 11; September 10; and December 10th (annual.)

There were special communications held February 7th; March 25; May 2; May 19; June 2; June 9; June 24; September 24; October 11; October 15; November 19; November 22; December 7; December 8; December 11; and December 18; with a stated Communication on December 29th Feast of St. John the Evangelist, being the one hundred and ninety-first Anniversary.

At the March meeting the Grand Lodge mourned for M.W. Bro. Everett Chamberlain Benton who died Feb. 4th 1924 at his home in Belmont, Mass. The Grand Master in the course of his address speaking of the Character of Masonry had this to say:

As Masons we are in duty bound not only to acquaint ourselves with the character of our institution, but to use all skill and every ability to preserve that character. In this day of the world when the multiplication of life's relationships seems to forecast possibility of an overwhelming perplexity, we are driven to a self-examination that proves or disproves the legitimacy of our claim to a place among the determining forces of society. As we have said to you before, Masonry cannot avoid this necessity for self-examination, and we believe that each of us is concerned as never before in order that the ancient integrity of our institution shall be preserved and that the traditional character of our association shall be a reality as well as a public profession. Thus we are anxiously laboring to prove to ourselves the authenticity of our idealism. We are continually seeking reassurance that the heart of Masonry is sound; that its character is as substantial to-day as in the old days when the highways for institutional enterprise were not so numerous, and the guide-posts were not so confusing and seemingly contradictory in directions given. This is a task belonging to each Mason and for his own sake as well as the sake of the Craft should not be ignored. But this is not all. The duty that devolves on us in the care for our character, mighty as the obligation may be, does not represent the completeness of our responsibility. We must be concerned not only for the character of Freemasonry but also for its reputation. We must not forget that Freemasonry is a public institution and at all times is open to exam-

ination by society. What value is there in our knowing that the heart of Masonry is sound if the public don't know it. Sometimes the public has grave doubts and rightly so. We base our judgment of the institution upon an intimate knowledge of its philosophy, an understanding of its principles and purposes, and while we often see evidences of labor that could hardly obtain the approbation of the Master we discount the value of this in comparison with the unchanging wish of Masonry itself. Lacking the intimacy of our companionship with the heart-throbbing ambitions and aspirations of the Fraternity, society at large can judge us only by the things we do and the practices we seem to favor; and by some strange legerdemain in communication, what is done in a lodge that is seemingly or actually inconsistent with the dignity of our profession becomes public property and a topic of critical conversation. Certain phases of our practice which lead to this mistaken judgment of our Fraternity we bring to your attention to-day. As you listen, do not assume that the circumstances about to be related are common among the brethren. We are glad to say that it is rare, but the fact that it exists at all gives us a hint of danger and compels us to the precaution of studied attention lest it increase.

First I would speak of lotteries, permitting the word to signify any effort after funds that involves the element of chance which is distinctive in gambling.

Last year it was brought to our attention that the brethren of a certain city were planning to carnival for the purpose of paying off an indebtedness upon their Temple. Among other devices for pecuniary profit that were being put in operation were a series of lotteries. Already quite a number of chances had been sold and the scheme promised to have a successful issue. Upon hearing word of this your Grand Master called upon the District Deputy Grand Master for information and it was found that the situation was as reported. As a result of the statement to the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master conferred with the brethren interested, explained to them a phase of the matter which they had overlooked, and, he it said to the credit of the brethren at C. they revealed a true Masonic spirit, returned the moneys already collected by this means and sacrificed a sure financial gain in order to protect the good name and character of Masonry. One or two other instances of the same sort but of lesser extent have occurred but these latter operations were over before the Grand Master knew anything about them.

A lottery or a raffle as we well know is a financial operation forbidden by the law, and the nature of the action on the part of those who participate is of such a peculiarly fundamentally ethical character that the practice is not merely a transgression of the written statute but a crime against the personal integrity of those who indulge. But without taking into consideration the latter phase of the matter there is enough in the first phase, a lottery's position in the pronouncements of law, that should challenge our attention and direct us toward a determining decision in the matter. One of the fundamentals of our profession as Masons is respect for the law. Now, while, as Masons, each of us may be privately guilty of some infraction of the law, when as a Lodge or group of Masons we indulge in a lottery we are making a public proclamation that our profession is not to be taken seriously. The excuse is given that other institutions conduct lotteries, why shouldn't we; and it is pointed out that the law is not enforced upon them. What other organisations do or do not does not enter into the case. It is a question of what we should do. It ill becomes us to engage in any practice however it might

be excused by the presence of a necessity, which often does not exist, that will give any one an opportunity to sneer at our professions. The position of Masonry is too high to be in any manner endangered; its contribution to life is too valuable to be impaired in even the slightest degree by any practice which, while it may be winked at, still remains and in the last analysis will be regarded as a deliberate violation of the statutes.

R.W. Sir Alfred Robbins, P.G.W. and President of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England was present on this occasion and delivered an address of great interest and filled with most cordial expressions of the warm fraternal feelings experienced by the United Grand Lodge of England toward "her eldest daughter in the western hemisphere."

The Quarterly meeting was held Wednesday, June 11th, 1924 at Boston and at which mostly routine business was taken into consideration. At the September quarterly the Grand Master of Delaware was a visitor. We quote the following from his address at this meeting:

As we survey the situation among the members of our fraternity in Massachusetts we find today a most hopeful condition. It is my opinion that never in our history has there been a keener desire upon the part of the Craftsman to understand the inner meanings, the abiding spirit of Freemasonry. We still preserve unchanged our regard for the forms and ceremonies which have distinguished our ritual; but more and more our associated mind has been reaching out for an understanding of what the form signifies, of what the ritual requires.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

MICHIGAN 1925

The Eighty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the City of Grand Rapids, Mich., May 26th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Ben J. Henderson, Grand Master.

The past year has been a very strenuous one for the Grand Master, but on the whole, a very happy one; coming into contact and forming friendships with the members of the Craft in every section of the State, is full compensation for the time and energy spent. I have tried to make my administration one of constructive building, and if it meets with the approval of the fraternity, I am well repaid. The few disagreeable tasks that fall to the lot of the Grand Master, have, in the past year been satisfactorily and happily adjusted, so that peace and harmony reign supreme throughout the entire jurisdiction. The year has been one of steady and prosperous growth, our gain in membership satisfactory; the Angel of Death has passed by our Grand Lodge Family this year, but many of our Brethren have gone from their labors on earth to everlasting refreshment in the Paradise of God. Let us ever cherish their memories and be inspired thereby to great and noble deeds.

The change in the rules for admission into our Masonic Home which were made last year has made it possible for the reception during the past year of several more guests who could not have been admitted under the old rules. This is as it should be. We have several guests admitted during the past year who are perfectly helpless, and have never been out of their rooms since admission. In my judgment, in caring for these Brothers and Sisters, we are doing just what the Home was established to accomplish, and I believe that under the

present Board of Control—acting under the rules as now established—the Home is functioning in a manner most satisfactory, not only to the residents of the Home, whose happiness, of course, should be our first consideration—but much more satisfactorily to the Fraternity as a whole.

The Grand Lecturer's report shows that good work is being done. More effort is being made in all of the Lodges to obtain information and education in the history of our Institution.

Every effort should be made to impress upon each member the importance of cultivating a knowledge of our ancient and honorable Institution.

In the present time no member is excusable for not being posted on the fundamental rules and axioms of our ancient and honorable Institution.

Individual rectitude of action in the members of our organization not only elevates the individual to distinguished positions but gives character, moral strength and dignity, and to avoid every excess that might subject him to censure or criticism.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education shows that Committee to be very active and busy in getting things into shape for a good year's work. They appear to have got things planned out very well and trust that during this year things will be much improved and that very great improvement will be the report next year.

There is an excellent foreign report consisting of over 500 pages in which some seventy Grand Lodge reports are very freely and carefully reviewed. Saskatchewan receives its full quota in about eight pages.

MINNESOTA 1925

The Seventy-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held at Saint Paul, January 21 and 22 1925. M.W. Bro. James D. Markham, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address says:

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.
Life is but a means to an end; that end—
Beginning, means, and end to all things—God.

There has been a healthy growth in our membership, now past the 58,000 mark. That while there has been a great amount of work in the degrees in the metropolitan centers, there has not been the usual increase in the rural lodges. One of the most satisfactory portions of the labors allotted to the office, I believe, is that of laying the corner stones of Public buildings. Churches and Schools. In this great State, so well taken care of by its system of Public Schools, as also other educational institutions, the laying of such stones especially for the public schools, I believe is in line with our Masonic Teachings, and gives me, as I think it does to every other Grand Master, the greatest pleasure.

In this connection, we learned in one of the leading cities up on the "Iron Range" at the time we laid one of these stones of another of their spacious new school buildings, that in the schools of that particular city, they were instructing children of thirty-seven different

nations, tongues and dialects. "What a melting pot these instructors in these schools are conducting for the future, thought I. And I know my associates concurred in this same thought.

"What constitutes a State?"

Not high raised battlements, or labour'd mound,

Thick wall or moated gate;

Not cities proud, with spires and turrets crowned;

No; men, high-minded men;

Men, who their duties know;

But know their rights; and, knowing, dare maintain.

These constitute a State."

Seven corner stones were laid by the Grand Master or his proxy during the year and five lodges were constituted. The Seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of St. Paul's Lodge No. 3 was held at the Temple, Sept. 8th, 1924.

Saskatchewan receives a page of report of 1924 Proceedings.

MISSISSIPPI

The One hundred and seventh annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Jackson, Miss., February 24 and 25, 1925. M.W. Bro. G. D. Rilet, Grand Master.

From the Grand Master's Address we quote the following:

As we come to-day to review the work of the past year and plan for the one just about to be ushered in, may we lift our hearts in praise to the Heavenly Father for the smile of His approval which has attended our way. The highest standard of Masonic excellence has been maintained throughout the year. Great activities have been characteristic of most of our lodges and peace and harmony obtain among us.

The co-operation has been splendid and I have endeavored by precept and example to guide the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction in "ways of pleasantness and paths of peace." I have tried at all times to act charitably, at the same time keeping within the bounds of our laws, ever remembering that "justice and mercy go hand in hand and the Judge and Brother are one" "Princes that would their people should do well, must at themselves begin as at the head. For men by their examples pattern out their imitations and regard for law". So first of all I have striven to be a law abiding citizen. It is a deplorable fact that disregard for law is the greatest menace of our American Civilization today. This was plainly brought out in that great world wide conference on education which met in a western city a few months ago. When representatives from 60 countries of the earth came together for a common purpose, when Hawaiian and Hindu, Oriental and Occidental, sat side by side and planned for the future citizenry of the world, they realized that good will, understanding and co-operation were the only solution to the problem.

This question of peaceful relations and law enforcement has occupied the minds of politicians and general diplomats since the dawn of history, and we cannot say that they have achieved signal success. Some writer has said, "I care not who makes the laws of a nation if you will let me write its songs." We would not for a moment discount the place and importance of music and harmony in shaping the destiny of a nation by we would prefer to say "I care not

who makes the laws of a nation (so long as they are good ones) if you will let me mold the sentiment and attitude of the people toward those laws."

Brethren:

We are builders of a structure strong,
Unchanged by time or place
That stands to-day, a beacon light,
Shining through endless space.

Yes, we are builders of a better world
Though brief our time and span;
There shall be more of happiness
Than when our age began.

And though we cannot see it now,
When all is understood,
We shall leave less of wrong behind,
And more of what is good."

What are we as individuals doing to bring about the era of good will, peaceful relations and proper respect for law?

Chain Letters: The Grand Lodge has repeatedly condemned the practice of writing chain letters. I mention this because every once in a while we have an epidemic of chain letters and I take this occasion to ask that you follow the instruction of Grand Lodge by destroying every chain letter and ignoring the request therein.

Report of Law Committee—1. Question (1) Will you kindly advise us whether or not the Master of a Lodge can serve on a Committee in his own Lodge?

(2) At our regular meeting lately one of our Past Masters presided and appointed a committee of three to purchase some paraphernalia of which Committee he made the W.M. chairman. As a matter of information and not that they objected to the Master serving on the committee, some of the brethren want to know whether the Worshipful Master, or a Past Master presiding for him has the authority to appoint himself on a committee?

Answer (1) We think he can.

(2) Under the facts stated, we think it was lawful and proper for the Past Master presiding to appoint the Worshipful Master of the Lodge as Chairman of the committee. We doubt the good taste of a Master appointing himself on a committee.

The report of foreign correspondence is attached to the proceedings of the year and takes up quite a bit of space in which we find Saskatchewan is credited with a favorable report containing some excerpts from M.W. Bro. MacNeill's address.

MONTANA

The Sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Great Falls, August 20th, 1924. M.W. Bro. C. S. Bell, Grand Master. From his address we quote:

Advancement to the so-called Higher Degrees.—One of the best moves made in recent years to improve the quality of Masons was to compel all brothers to wait one year after being raised before applying for any other branch of recognised Masonry in Montana.

I have talked with many high-minded Masons, who are pleased to say that Montana Masonry now has a better chance to improve. Many of the candidates have told me that they appreciate what the Grand Lodge has done for them in that not rushing through the so called higher degrees they have had a chance to better understand more about the three degrees than they would have had, had they been permitted to advance hurriedly.

From some quarters comes opposition to this beneficial law or order. No one should object to, obstruct or hinder in any way the things which are helping Masonry in general. We are not making Masons only for the almighty dollar nor to rush them through the Masonic quarry. We want them to be real men and real workers in the field of Masonry. There are some members who think that the Grand Lodge of Montana has no authority to make such a law. I want to tell you that the Grand Lodge of Montana still retains the right to run its own business and to dictate to its members by making such laws as are for its betterment. I hope that this Grand Lodge will forever make this law, and I am sure that it would be to the great benefit to the members who have the right viewpoint of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Financial Relief and Requests for Donations.—Brethren, this world is full of trouble and sorrow, and it seems that the whole world is applying to Masonic Institutions for aid in various ways. I am thoroughly imbued with and fully understand the meaning of the word Charity, as used in Masonry, and I have discovered that no item in our Masonic calendar is abused more than Charity, both in giving and in asking.

Firstly, Masonic assistance in a financial way from the Grand Lodge should be a last resort. All Masons are members of some Lodge, and under our present method of doing, the lodge should exert every effort to relieve a needy brother. If the Lodge will report that they have gone their limit, their appeal will be considered and aid can in a limited way, be given from the Grand Lodge Permanent Relief Fund.

A Mason in distress should exhaust his own resources first. Some cases have been presented where it is shown that the Lodge in which membership was held had done nothing to relieve distress. Such requests coming to us under these circumstances have not been complied with.

The De Molay and kindred organizations.

I wish from the outset to remove the soft pedal on this subject. Grand Masters in many jurisdictions have in parrot fashion, endorsed the De Molay movement. There are other Grand Masters who apparently have no mind of their own. One of the greatest dangers in the perpetuity of the Masonic Fraternity in the United States is the allowing of the De Molays to come into their respective jurisdictions. Who, in this state, gave permission to take unto the Fraternity a kindergarten? It is a kindergarten pure and simple. The boys in the De Molay are given to understand that when they become of age they should apply to the so-called Blue Lodge for admission. These boys then refer to themselves as junior Masons, and some sponsors do not know any better than to allow such talk. Have we lost all respect for certain Landmarks of Masonry? Does Masonry have to solicit for members? It looks to me as if the fathers and mothers of these boys are passing the care of their children on to many inexperienced hands in many cases. Have you ever analysed the ritual of the De Molays? If not, it will be well to do so. Or if you have, why, as a Mason, do you sit idly by and allow the Mas-

onic institution to be blamed for making the young of the country intolerant in religious matters. If that is what you desire, then you have lost the view point about the aims and designs of what Masonry is. Read the ritual and you will soon find that, in the death of De Molay is the secret back of why the organisation was formed. It also provides a job for some one. The child if normal will ascertain who the Inquisitors were, and upon learning who they were will, without doubt, have a hatred for a certain class of people. Does Masonry teach these things? I say "No" and the question comes to me why do we allow such organisations to meet in a room where Masons meet? In a room that we have consecrated to God. A Masonic Lodge room is a sacred place and to think that, in this day and age it is ramsacked from end to end by curious boys and girls of kindred organizations. I am not attempting to defend the people who killed De Molay. I am a Protestant through and through. If fathers and mothers want their children to learn religious prejudice, let them insist that the De Molays be anchored to something else than any part of Masonry.

I have more love in my heart for the boys and girls of our land than most men, and have been fortunate enough to work among them and I feel that is absolutely wrong for any branch of Masonry to take up the work they have. We have our public schools, Sunday schools of our faith, and I think that parents should be the ones to train their children and not some kind of an organisation like the De Molays and the Daughters of the Rainbow. It is a shirking of home duty. We have the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. whose influence if accepted, will not teach a child anything but the best. These times are times of unrest and we grasp at almost anything new, and call it grand without really ascertaining what it is or what is at the back of it. One thing surely—it is not Masonry. If these institutions mentioned are so instructive to the young and have such a great Christian influence over them, they surely could find quarters for their work in almost any church parlor, and get away from Masonic Lodge rooms.

The Special Committee which considered the reference to the subject in the Grand Master's Address reported that it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the recommendations of the Grand Master be not adopted.

Saskatchewan has a review of about a page in length and carries a portion of Grand Chaplain Leitch's address on the subject "When is a Man a Mason."

NEBRASKA 1925

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was held at Omaha, on Tuesday, June 9th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is full and replete with a list of all his business during his term of office.

We come to renew the ties of friendship and brotherly love, to survey the Masonic activities and accomplishments of the year that is about to close, and by wise and considered action, adopt such measures as will best serve our Fraternity in the years to come, that will promote and insure the peace, prosperity and general welfare of the Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and to impress upon the fraternity the underlying and fundamental principles of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

My brethren, viewed in the light of existing conditions, Masonry in this jurisdiction has made wonderful progress the past year. Our brothers have been prompted by the high idealism that the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are above and superior to all other things on earth. We are living in a new age of thought, action, inspiration and opportunities; many believe that we have left the moorings of our fathers and that we are sailing on unknown seas in an unknown bark, piloted we know not where, yet in spite of existing conditions, I feel that we are approaching the dawn of a new day, a new era, one in which men will see and understand each other in a different and clearer light, realizing that man's first duty to mankind will be human service, and that the greatest of all strength is the strength of unity, and that man's duty to man to his country, and to his God is to be the paramount issue of this new day and age.

He has a good word to say about the Homes at Freemont. These Homes came in response to the appeal of the helpless and dependent, made so by the death of the father or mother, in many cases both. It touched the heartstrings of the womanhood and motherhood of the Craft. These are our most worthy objects. Around them our chief interest centers. Around them cluster our brightest hopes and fondest anticipations.

"Home", what a hallowed name. It touches every fiber of the soul, strikes every chord of the human heart. We realize, we know that it is not within our power to make them the magic circle within which the weary find refuge, and the careworn heart retreat; but we can provide a place where the lone wanderer, bent with the weight of age, and white with the frost of years, may find rest from life's weary toil, and enjoy a brother's mutual care and sympathy. We cannot supply to our children the father's love and care, the sister's embrace, the brother's welcome, the mother's smile and sweet lullaby that banishes from the home every sorrow. But we can surround the children entrusted to our care with that influence which develops and establishes character and good citizenship.

The Homes are under the best possible management, the care, welfare, and happiness of those in our charge are given first consideration. To further care for and provide for their welfare we have completed the Infirmary, the corner stone of which was laid at our last communication, carrying out our constructive programme. It is a most attractive and beautiful structure, and is a lasting monument to the Craft in this jurisdiction. To see it is an inspiration to redouble our efforts along that line. It stands as a silent witness to the fulfillment of our pledge to the needy of the Fraternity.

The Grand Custodian has a very good report and a lot of common sense in it. We quote the following as a good hit; "There are but very few, fewer than you would suppose, who know what 'Ancient Craft Masonry' is. They may recite it letter correct, cross every 't' and dot every 'i', but still are wandering in pavilions of darkness. After over half a century, I am firmly of the opinion that there is no man living, ever has lived or ever will live that can tell the origin of Ancient Craft Masonry. The nearest that I can come to it is the first verse of Genesis namely, 'In the beginning'. In many years of investigation in the secret doctrine and Ancient religions and the many legends and traditions and the lost art of reading symbolism, I have surely made up my mind that Ancient Craft Masonry is one and the same as the Ancient Wisdom Religion; namely, God, Nature, Man—the relations of the one to the other and the harmony of the whole.

It does not make any difference to me what your opinion may be of my opinion, for I am one of but very few that claims to be a free

man. I do not believe in coercion, persuasion, or undue influence. Let every man think for himself and act accordingly—then if he is not free, it is his own fault.

There is a very interesting report by the joint Committee appointed to go into the matter of the Children's Homes at Freemont which makes very interesting reading not only to Nebraska Members but also to others who live beyond the borders of that state.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is very interesting although the bulk of it was done by a new hand this year, owing to the inability of the previous member of the Committee to carry on to its completion. There are over seventy reports and they all read very nicely. Saskatchewan is credited with a very good statement of over a page.

NEVADA 1925

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was held at Reno, Nevada, Wednesday, June 10th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Edward A. Ducker, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. David J. Reese, of Ventura, Cal., Grand Master of the M.W. Grand Lodge of California was the distinguished guest and was duly received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Master's annual address was full of his work during the year past and he reports as follows: All of the Lodges I have visited as heretofore detailed are in sound financial condition. The average attendance in most of them is good when compared with the number residing in each constituent jurisdiction. While there are some that are indifferent in lodge work and Masonic interest, my observations have led me to believe that the very great majority are interested in the work which Masonry has to do and are constantly striving individually and collectively to translate their inclinations in this respect into intelligent activities to promote its ideals and inspirations. The information I have gained from the Brethren throughout the State strengthens this conclusion. While there are occasional cases existing of brethren at odds with one another, in general, harmony prevails among the Craft. It is not strange that there are such instances, otherwise it could be said that Masonry had attained perfection. In general the brethren are practising Masonic principles in an earnest endeavor to either remove these isolated cases of dissention or to confine them within the narrowest limits. The former is an ideal to work towards, the latter, an attainable end, and both involve the performance of our enjoined duty to spread the cement of brotherly love. In some of the Lodges actual benefit is being derived from the study and discussion by the members of the subjects on Masonry treated in the short talk bulletins and in the Master Mason as furnished by the Masonic Service Association of the United States through the Grand Lodge's membership in that Association. The majority of the Lodges are, however, backward in this respect. The purpose of our membership is to give the Craft greater knowledge in Masonry, its laws, customs, ritual, history, philosophy and symbolism. If this purpose is made effective the state of the Craft will be bettered in an educational way. New membership in Masonry in this State is being continually gained. Its quality is good and by education may be constantly refined. I, therefore, urge the Masonic Service Committee of the Grand Lodge, the Masonic Service Committees and Masters of Constituent Lodges to a co-operation of their best activities

for the furtherance of this educational scheme. The Lodges are well officered by intelligent, active Masons most of whom are well informed in the matters pertaining to their duties, and they are seeking to obtain and impart to their brethren more light in Masonry.

Under the heading of Education the Grand Master has this to say: Every thinking man and woman realises that the ideals of educated men and women must more and more become the ideals of all our people. How important it is, then, that the American idea as reflected in our republican form of government be cultivated among the masses of our people. Our public schools, besides furnishing the fundamentals of knowledge and higher instruction, supply the boys and girls of America who are coming on for citizenship with an understanding of the benign principles of civil government under which ordered liberty is guaranteed. Masons are the friends of education and of the constitution established by our forefathers and believe that the public schools produce an enlightened citizenship, capable of self government in conformity with American ideals. They are therefore the earnest supporters of this public institution and frown upon and oppose the activities of those who stand for lawlessness or radicalism in any form. I find that the Masons of this State are taking a commendable interest in the schools and education.

The Grand Secretary concludes his annual report thus:

Brethren, the Mason's task is an inspirational one and though Masonry has need of great leaders, men of thought and action to clear the way, yet the stability and progress of Freemasonry depends on the character of the men who play the minor role, the members of its lodges.

So brethren:

"It's doing your work the best you can,
And being just to your fellow man;
And staying true to your aims and ends;
It's figuring how and learning why,
And looking forward and thinking high,
And dreaming a little and doing much;
It's keeping always in closest touch,
With what is finest in word and deed;
It's going onward despite defeat,
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;
It's being clean and its playing fair;
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;
It's looking up at the stars above,
And drinking deeply of life and love;
It's struggling on with the will to win,
But taking loss with a cheerful grin;
It's sharing sorrow and work and mirth,
And making better this good old earth;
It's serving, striving through strain and stress,
It's doing your noblest—that's success."

The Masonic Service Committee reported that in nearly all of the Constituent Lodges sub-committees have been appointed to take charge of the material received from the Grand Lodge Committee; that bulletins had been sent to the Chairman of the sub-committees and that in nearly all cases the sub-committees have arranged for Masonic Service meetings and that the Committee was now working on a speaker's bureau, with which it hopes to place speakers in the Constituent Lodges for Armistice Day, Installation Nights and Wash-

ington's Birthday and is now completing a plan whereby a Grand Lodge Officer will be provided to install the officers of each Constituent Lodge if the same be desired.

The Committee on Fraternal Recognition reported that they had received requests for fraternal recognition from Argentine Grand Orient and Grand Lodge Cuscatlan of San Salvador and that after having given the fullest consideration to their requests do not so recommend.

A very interesting and instructive oration was delivered by the Grand Orator and was well received by the brethren and ordered printed in the annual proceedings.

There is a very excellent report on foreign correspondence prepared by Bro. Vanderlieth in which may be read reports of 77 foreign Grand Lodges. Saskatchewan receives its share in a favorable report.

NEW BRUNSWICK 1925

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in the City of St. John N.B., on Thursday 27th August 1925. M.W. Bro. George D. Ellis, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's annual address gives a full account of all his doings during his year of office.

On the 28th of October 1924 the Grand Master constituted Hartland Lodge No. 46 and installed its first officers and during the year visited other twelve Lodges.

June 24th the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island celebrated its semicentennial at which The Grand Master attended as a visitor, was well received and had a very enjoyable time. From his annual address we quote the following:

Though wars and rumours of wars are rife, and industrial and political disturbances are threatening, yet there are quiet movements in the world at large that are of good omen for the future; and may be remembered as important events in history when our present troubles are past and forgotten. One of these is the increasing usefulness of the League of Nations, which is making itself felt as a world influence more quickly and more surely than could have been expected. Its principles are so much in harmony with Masonic principles that they must command our sympathy and support. Another, is the movement for the abolition of the caste system in India, which is meeting with remarkable success. Another is seen in the many signs of a nearer approach in the historic churches of Christendom, the most spectacular instance of which is the recent visit to England of great dignitaries of the Eastern Church. For the first time in history, two patriarchs of the Greek Church, the Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Patriarch of Alexandria, attended by other ecclesiastics of high rank and dignity, have been cordially received and welcomed in the principal cities of England and have taken part in the ceremonies of the English cathedrals. Only those of anti-Christian sympathies can fail to see in this a promise of greater things to come. The attitude of the members of our Fraternity towards all these movements can be well expressed by a recent saying of Sir Oliver Lodge; "Depend upon it, nothing is haphazard. Things are not left to chance. Everything points to a rational plan, of which we know neither the beginning nor the end, but toward which we can help. In face of all that, shall we allow ourselves to squabble about trivialities? Or shall we realise that we are the heirs of all the ages, that the destiny of mankind is being partly entrusted to us, and that humanity has a future, a potential future, beyond our wildest dreams."

The Grand Secretary's report shows an increase in membership of 165 at December 27th, 1924.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations shows:

1. Peace and prosperity continue among the members of the Fraternity in the British Empire; and we are still in friendly correspondence with all English-speaking Grand Lodges throughout the world that are recognised by us as regular.

2. This does not include the several Grand Lodges of Prince Hall Masons in the United States which are unrecognised by us, not because this Grand Lodge had decided that they are illegitimate in origin, but because we must defer to the American doctrine of territorial jurisdiction that forbids us to recognise two Grand Lodges in one state. If it should come to pass, in the course of events, that our white brothers and our black brothers agree to let each group have an organisation of its own—and there are signs of an approach between them—we who know no distinction of caste might then be able to recognise both.

The D.D.G.Ms. reports of their respective districts state that all do their work in a serious and very satisfactory manner.

NEW HAMPSHIRE 1925

The One hundred and thirty sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord, N.H. on Wednesday May 20th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Frederic E. Everett, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address to Grand Lodge had this to say:

All of us ought to rejoice that our Freemasonry is not something that has a rigid fixedness as its leading characteristic. While its fundamentals may not be changed or modified by any man or body of men, its life may be newly expressed; its habits may be again created; its thought may be advanced; its hopes may be re-directed; its purpose may be re-interpreted; its ultimate end may be made more glorious, all because a vision of greater usefulness has permitted us to apply the old things in newer ways. We change not our Freemasonry, but we have begun, in our progressiveness to apply its basic principles in new channels. We talk as much as ever, about this thing we call Freemasonry, but our feet have taken us into human paths where we may begin the process of applying those principles, both in our own lives and in the lives of others. This great change is epochal and distinctive, and is the assurance to every thoughtful Master Mason that our institution is an agency for the carrying out of some of the plans of the Great Creator in this world of ours.

In this taking on of new responsibilities, in this recognition of modern obligations, the Freemasons of New Hampshire are marching, step by step, with their brethren elsewhere. A duty, once made plain to you, has not yet been evaded. You have impressed me more and more as I have been able to feel the Masonic pulse, that you face the opportunities of our time with joy and with gladness. That is the spirit I have encountered everywhere in our jurisdiction. To me it is a heartening discovery, in its very essence meaning that, ancient as we are as an organization of men, we have only reached our stride and that we are now marching on, ready and willing to face another turn in the road, if again duty and opportunity shall be revealed to us.

At the semi-annual communication held Dec. 30th, 1924 at Manchester and E.A. and F.C. degree each were conferred after which the brethren sat down to a banquet at which M.W. Bros. Harry G. Noyes and Harry M. Cheney delivered very satisfying addresses; the third degree was then put on as an exemplification by Washington Lodge No. 61.

Lodges of Instruction were held at Newport, Sept. 25, 1925; Laconia May 7th, 1925.

Two new Masonic Temples were dedicated; one on December 15th, 1924 at Derry and one at Keene on April 13th, 1925 while the new home of Summit Lodge No. 98 was dedicated May 5th, 1925.

A very good report on foreign correspondence is supplied by the Grand Secretary wherein Saskatchewan receives its share although he could not find the town of Rouleau, anywhere recorded in the proceedings.

NEW JERSEY 1925

The One Hundred and thirty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held at Trenton, N.J., April 22nd 1925. M.W. Bro. Andrew Foulds, Jr., Grand Master.

In the course of his annual address the Grand Master has this to say: A condition of harmony and prosperity prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, our Lodges are in excellent condition and the indications of continued growth and prosperity are all about us.

No Grand Master ever had a more loyal, earnest and willing staff of associates than those who have served the Craft with me during the past year. The District Deputies have been untiring in their zealous labors on behalf of the Fraternity and those who have served on committees and in other capacities have faithfully discharged their duties with great ability.

His report shews that he made no less than ninety-five visits during his year of office at various points throughout his Grand Jurisdiction.

Under the heading "Costumes in Degree Work" after several requests had been made to him in this connection, the Committee on ritual submitted to the Grand Master the following opinion which he approved:

"Your committee are of the opinion that the wearing of costumes adds neither to the dignity nor impressiveness of our ceremonies and we feel that some costumes might even have the opposite effect. We, therefore, are of the opinion that it is not desirable that costumes be worn in our lodges, but that the brethren should wear the generally accepted style of clothing and should be properly clothed with an apron and with head uncovered."

Under the heading "games of chance", soliciting funds and chain letters passed on from the last communication the Grand Master caused a letter to be sent to all of the lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction in which the following paragraph was emphasized.

"Pursuant to this action of the M.W. Grand Lodge, I do hereby order that the use of emblems or symbols of the Craft upon any gambling device or game of chance is unMasonic and is prohibited; that lodges, clubs and associations composed of members of the fraternity shall not solicit funds in any manner, except from their own members without the approval of the Grand Master, and I do further order that the sending by members of the Craft of chain letters containing a hope of reward or threat of misfortune is prohibited."

The following resolution was presented, read and on motion duly seconded, adopted:

Whereas, all the Lodge Charters issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, since its creation in 1786, have uniformly contained the following language in their preambles; to wit:

"To all whom it may Concern:

"The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey (according to the old Constitutions revived by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin of York, in the Kingdom of England, in the year of the Christian Era 926 and in the year of Masonry 4926) in ample form assembled at Trenton in the State of New Jersey aforesaid, send Greetings:

"Know ye, et cetera."

"And Whereas, Many "Old Charges" set forth the tradition of the Order, also describing the action of Prince Edwin as of the year 926 A.D. at York, England; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Master shall appoint a committee of five members, to which number the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master shall be added, as ex officio members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a suitable celebration of the

One Thousandth Year,

the Millennial Year, of the establishment of what is commonly termed the York Rite Masonry, at a date on or near June 24th 1926.

Submitted by Brother Edward Pearson, P.M. of Union Lodge No. 11 F. & A.M. and seconded by thirty four brethren members of the Grand Lodge."

Among the distinguished visitors who were present at Grand Lodge were the following:

M.W. Bro. Walter T. Arnold, Grand Master of Connecticut, M.W. Bro. Henry C. Dexter, Grand Master of Rhode Island; and M.W. Bro. Andrew L. Randall, Past Grand Master of Texas and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. Each of these brethren delivered a very interesting and instructive address.

A very interesting review of Sister Grand Lodges is appended to the annual proceedings in which Saskatchewan receives due notice, short but kindly.

NEW YORK 1925

The One Hundred and forty fourth annual was held in New York May 5th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Wm. A. Rowan, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address goes fully into the matter of the withdrawal of the Grand Lodge of New York from the Masonic International Association for good and sufficient reasons.

The suggestion of the previous Grand Master that lodges should provide each candidate with a Bible upon initiation, was, the Grand Master said, taking hold as out of 884 lodges reporting 563 are now doing so with promises from 64 others; "it is pleasing to make this announcement, showing as it does the religious aspect of the Craft; it is at the same time a fitting commemoration of the Craft in this Jurisdiction of the 400th Anniversary of the publishing at Brussels by

William Tyndale of the New Testament in the English language, which act cost him his life."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows:

Balance per last report Grand Lodge	\$137,075.61
Receipts from Grand Secretary.	566,799.11
Interest on deposit.	1,737.38
	\$705,612.10
Expenditures	542,088.31
	\$163,523.79

The Grand Librarian says in his report:

It is a source of satisfaction to know that the Library has been of greater service to the Craft during the past year than ever before in its history. From the daily record kept during the year I find the attendance was 7,940 or more than double that of any period. It has been and I trust ever may be, our aim to make this Storehouse of Masonic Literature of the greatest good to the greatest number. The Masonic Library is a fountain of Masonic information which is not fully appreciated by the Craft. It contains books and pamphlets dealing with every conceivable interest to Masons. Material may be found to gratify the tastes of those interested in the historical, symbolical or philosophical aspects of Masonry."

M.W. Bro. Arthur S. Tompkins, submitted a report in connection with his mission to Finland as the accredited Agent of the Grand Master; that he had constituted on the 9th Sept. 1924 the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Finland, at that time consisting of three lodges.

Syria. Our two lodges in Syria which were instituted under dispensations granted by M.W. Bro. Arthur S. Tompkins were constituted on Sept. 30, 1924 by M.W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer assisted by R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang. The former gave a very interesting and instructive report of the overseas mission where he visited Beyrout, Syria and met with the brethren there and constituted two lodges in that city, viz.: Syrio-American No. 1 and New York Lodge No. 2. Leaving Beyrout he travelled into Roumania, where he made recommendations that four other lodges be instituted, and that a Grand Lodge in Roumania be placed there in the near future.

In closing his annual address the Grand Master stated, "whatever strength and influence this Jurisdiction may have, has been attained by the attempts it has continuously made to discharge its obligations to its own members and answer to the calls for relief in other jurisdictions; its endeavors to raise the standard of membership, and to keep pace with the general progress of civilisation. Our duty to Masonry does not call for impairment of our initiative, lowering our standards, amending the Constitution or surrendering any of landmarks with the expectation that by so doing we are serving humanity. On the other hand, let us maintain the integrity of our Institution from the diminishing attacks from without, as well as the increasing attacks from within. The time will come no doubt when our assistance will be needed elsewhere and we shall be better able to give it and without injury to ourselves, if we keep abreast of our obligations and are in entire accord at home.

Saskatchewan receives a very good report, many matters being taken up.

NEW ZEALAND 1924

The thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held at Auckland, Wednesday, November 26th, 1924.

In the absence of the Grand Master Viscount Jellicoe who had been called home to England the High Office was filled by the Pro. Grand Master M.W. Bro. Hon. H. L. Michel who said in his address:

The "Wheel of Time" has brought us round to the thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, and in the ordinary course of events would be presided over by the Grand Master. You know, however, that His Excellency Viscount Jellicoe, who for the past two years was not only our chief ruler but was also the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Military and Naval Forces, in this dominion, left our shores yesterday for that country which even we Colonials think, and speak of as the "Home-land."

During the two years that His Excellency held office as Grand Master he never tired of striving to advance and uphold the highest ideals and best traditions of our ancient Craft, and, while we regret his departure, we feel that he has left New Zealand richer and Freemasonry stronger as the result of his work amongst us; and I am confident that no Grand Master of the past ever more truly endeared himself to us than the distinguished man who has just retired from office.

Assuredly I am voicing your feelings and wishes when I say that Grand Lodge now assembled sincerely hopes that His Excellency may be spared for many years, to render further service to the great Empire of which he is such an outstanding figure and that all the blessings that this life can give may fall on him and those who are so near and dear to him.

The progress of the Craft in New Zealand last year probably constitutes a record, no less than seventeen new Lodges being opened, making the number of lodges on the Register 270. After allowing for deaths and removals the gain in membership for the year is 1,470. The total membership now is 22,790.

In the past human achievements have been of slow growth. To-day there is added speed in every avenue of activity; in the coming years there will be an ever-quickenning pace along all lines of development. Amidst all the changes and hurrying, not only individuals but institutions are being judged hastily and sometimes unfairly. Freemasonry is being so judged sometimes by our individual failures. This is not right.

Individual judgment is never perfect. It is ever prone to look upon the apparent and to overlook the actual—and so Freemasonry is judged as I have remarked by individual failures which are apparent, but the great silent and unseen work of the Craft is overlooked. Time is the only impartial judge, and it is judging Freemasonry kindly.

During the last two centuries many once great institutions have been swept away by an ever advancing wave of public opinion. They had out-grown their usefulness, the world no longer had time for them, and they died and are forgotten, strange to say that it has been during the said period that Freemasonry has shown its greatest vitality, and and certainly never in its recorded history was it a greater living force than it is today.

Amidst all this confusion and stress man often does not know which way to point his feet, he does not know which way to face. Some, however, see in Freemasonry at least one institution that is universal in its scope, broad and expansive in its teaching, that rejects all partisan theories, condemns all sectarian animosities, and

urges its members to be faithful to their Church, no matter what church it may be, true to their country and to faithfully obey its laws. This is one reason why the Craft is attracting so many of the nest men from every walk in life.

Another reason is that we are living in very democratic days and Freemasonry, if properly understood, is truly democratic in its teachings; ever inculcating the lesson that although distinctions among men are necessary to reward merit and ability, and to enable the activities of life to be carried on efficiently and in order, all such preference should rest on personal merit, or character, and that without personal merit

Gold and wealth have no value,
Birth no distinction,
Beauty no charm,
High office or station no dignity.

I now desire to place on record my appreciation of the work done during the last twelve months by the Board of General Purposes and various Committees, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge staff.

Nineteen new lodges were consecrated during the year.

NORTH CAROLINA

The one hundred and thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held at Raleigh, N.C. January 20 and 22, 1925. M.W. Bro. J. Le Grand Everett, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address gives a full report of all his doings during his official year.

Under the heading of Educational Field Work he has this to say:

From personal knowledge gained during official visits, and through correspondence, I am sure that this splendid work has been advanced far beyond our most eager expectations. The Educational Field Secretary has surpassed even himself in his zealous activity during the past year, and as a result there is renewed interest in a large majority of the suburban lodges, as well as among the individual members of the Craft.

I commend to your hearing the report of our faithful and well beloved Educational Field Secretary, Bro. W. C. Wicker.

Under the heading "Appeals for Aid" he says: I have approved a number of appeals for aid, they having first been investigated and recommended by the Committee on Charity.

Permit me to say just here that I am convinced that some of our lodges spend too much for entertainment and pleasure and too little for charity, thereby creating in the minds of the profane that a Masonic Lodge is simply a place for amusement. It is wrong—a grievous wrong, my brethren, that will work untold harm if we permit it to continue. One of the fundamental principles of our great Fraternity is charity—to help the needy and distressed. We should practice what we teach, for the greatest good that we can do in this world is the service we render to suffering humanity. I, therefore, urge each subordinate lodge to arrange its finances so that it will include not only the dues to the Grand Lodge, but likewise so much for charity, entertainment, and the necessary incidental expenses; and that it permit no more of its income to be spent for the last two combined than it does for charity.

Under Decision and Rulings we note the following:

"Is a man who can neither read or write and cannot even sign his name, eligible to the degrees of Masonry?"

While the Code does not specifically state so, in my opinion it implies that man must have a reasonable amount of education in order to petition for the degrees of Masonry. Being unable to read he certainly cannot answer in the affirmative question 24 of the petition and while question 25 has been stricken from the petition blank as revised, he surely should be required to sign his name. Though a recommendation to this effect made by Grand Master Andrews in 1916 (page 46 of the proceedings) was not adopted by the Grand Lodge, I held with him that a man must be able to read and write in order to petition for the degrees in Masonry. In making this ruling I realised that I was reversing the ruling of G.M. Gudger (No. 454) but we have taken a strong stand for education and higher standards and cannot afford to take a backward step—then, too, times and conditions have changed and we must look at the matter from the standpoint of to-day.

Rev. Bro. Dr. W. H. Fraser, President, Queen's College, Charlotte, N.C., the Grand Orator, was introduced and delivered a very beautiful and interesting address on "Manhood and Masonry" from which we quote as follows:

First, I call your attention to the fact that to make its contribution to the building of human society, Masonry must have, and it does have, a comprehensive view, and the power of inculcating this view of the Cardinal Virtues which must be applied to the individual life. Those virtues which bring about the proper social adjustment, the submission to and the harmony with the will of God. Masonry must reiterate in its challenge to it its membership and through them in example as well as in precept, to the world "He hath showed thee, Oh man, what is good, what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." She must take that statement of one of the great figures of the world, when He conceived His mission to be the preaching and practising of principles which would present mankind holy and unblameable and unrepvable to God. That is to say properly related to God, to human society and to the individual's own conscience. It must insist upon the application of the Cardinal Virtues to the lives of men, which are: Temperance, Courage, Justice and Wisdom.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphanage shows that good work is being done by that valuable institution. The reports of the Superintendent, Lady Supervisor and the other officers of the Institution are clear and to the point and it would seem that good work is being done in that valuable institution. They ask for an appropriation of \$50,000.00.

The report of the Educational Field Secretary shows that the Masons of North Carolina should all be well informed of the principles and good things in Masonry. We quote the following as interesting:

During the first year of our programme the object was to give publicity to the nature of the educational activities pursued and to acquaint the Craft with the plan, purposes and advantages of such a programme in our Grand Jurisdiction.

At our last Annual Communication, the Masonic Educational Committee authorised the Educational Field Secretary to work out an organisation that would make our Educational Program function practically in the Constituent Lodges and in the individual, Masonic conduct.

Then follows a full and lengthy report of the doings of the Committee during the year which seem to have been very beneficial.

The Annual proceedings of sister Grand Lodges are reviewed in a separate volume of over 400 pages and contains at the end a few tables of great interest.

Saskatchewan has received a fairly good report consisting of general remarks and practically a copy of the Grand Chaplain's address at Prince Albert, then follows a paragraph referring to the size of the lodges which has evidently been misplaced and belongs to some other Grand Lodge as the names are foreign to Saskatchewan and we have some lodges with a membership of over 300 at the time the correspondent names, instead of the "lodge with the largest membership is Swan with 136 followed by St. John with 134."

NORTH DAKOTA 1925

The thirty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was held at Grand Forks, June 16th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Theodore S. Henry, Grand Master.

His address is full of many vital and interesting points and he feels that in North Dakota Masonry is not only progressing but is apparently getting a hold of its members.

"We in North Dakota are moving steadily forward, getting a better understanding of Masonry, and, as will be shewn by the report of the Executive Secretary of Masonic Service and Education actually performing deeds of Masonry—pure practical Masonry which after all is true Masonry. The Masonic World and our communities, can now know that Freemasonry, despite its age-old formalism and traditional aloofness, is and can be used to uplift bodies and minds as well as the souls of men. I wonder if our brethren are not performing these unselfish tasks because they have at last caught a glimpse of that elusive, yet ever present word and translated its meaning into Love and Service. The Masonic Service Association is a product of the West—it is so good the East has accepted it. It is big and good enough for every jurisdiction in this country and its scope is broad enough to embrace every recognised Masonic jurisdiction on the globe."

Under the heading of District meetings the Grand Master has this to say: It was necessary that we obtain some concrete evidence and first-hand knowledge of the result of the year's program to keep in touch with the work done and also to let the lodges and officers know that, after we had instituted and started a program of practical service and education, we had not forgotten them and their accomplishments. I believe the more interest the Grand Lodge takes in the constituent Lodges the better and greater work the lodges will do. Let us help them to help themselves; let us help them understand Masonry; let us show them how to practice and exemplify Masonry. One of the Grand Lodge's principal functions is the spreading of Masonic Light and this can be done only through its branches, the constituent lodges.

The report of the Grand Lodge Librarian makes very interesting reading and shews that that branch is doing good work and its usefulness and influence is advancing all the time. "We submit herewith our ninth annual report which we rejoice to say is one of progress and accomplishment. We had expected a decided falling off in circulation, thanks to the fact that two hundred and sixty two sets of

the Little Masonic Library, or 5,240 volumes of Masonic literature were distributed throughout the jurisdiction, but such did not prove to be the case, and while the gain is small it is far more than compensated for by the wide circulation of the Little Masonic Library. There is much to indicate that the trend to more serious matters has set in and that the world is settling down to more worth-while activities than have prevailed since the days of the war."

The Grand Lecturer has a very interesting report shewing that things in North Dakota are in good shape but "keep it up" is his motto. He suggests that the Grand Master call a meeting of the D.D.G.Ms. and arrange a uniform form or interpretation of that which is so necessary and that some of the weak lodges be visited and strengthened by a good grounding.

There is a very interesting and enjoyable report on sister Grand Lodges by W. Bro. Phelps, in which he has kind references to Saskatchewan's annual for 1924.

NOVA SCOTIA 1925

The sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at the Freemason Hall, Halifax, N.S., Wednesday morning June 10th, 1925. M.W. Bro. James Henry Winfield, Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master gave a full account of all his dealings as Grand Master during the year past, from which we quote the following:

The past year shews a net gain in membership of only 80. This is not surprising, when we realize the severity of the business depression which we have been passing through, aggravated, no doubt, by the regrettable industrial situation in the coal mining districts of our fair province. Surely the time has arrived when Capital and Labour can meet in a common ground. Have they not eyes to see that their interests are identical; that what hurts one equally hurts the other; that each is essential to our progress and happiness.

Brethren, let each one of us go forth from this assembly determined hereafter to practise in our lives those great principles of brotherhood and charity, which form the foundation stones of our institution, so that our precept and example may be the leaven which will ultimately spread through the whole community to unite all men in the bonds of a universal brotherhood.

This is no idle dream—it is a practical possibility, and on the shoulder of us who have seen the great light is placed a real responsibility. May the Great Architect of the Universe prosper our endeavors and assist us in our efforts to disseminate the truths and principles we stand for, as well as to live them.

It having come to the Grand Master's notice that the Grand Orient of Belgium having abandoned the requirement of the belief in God, and removed the Bible from its altar, and from the altars of the subordinate lodges, the Grand Master severed connections with the said Grand Orient and commanded all brethren under the Nova Scotia allegiance from having communication Masonically with any such brethren in any shape whatever.

My parting word with you is: "Fight the good fight—be steadfast in that which is right—honour the Craft—and live always as.

Masons ought to do. So that when the summons from above comes to each of us, it may be said "Enter good and faithful servant, thou hast earned thy reward."

The reports of the various D.D.G.M.s make interesting reading and shew that all of them took good interest in their work and the results of the year's labors appear to have been satisfactory to all concerned.

Nova Scotia mourned the loss of two Past Grand Masters in the persons of M.W. Brothers John Hay (G.M. 1918) and Murray Lawson (G.M. 1921): "Our friends are dead, but death does not spell oblivion. Their spirits live in the hearts of those they have left behind—mortal can leave no nobler monument than this."

The Grand Secretary's report is full of interest and shews that the Grand Lodge is advancing surely and properly:

The steady growth in membership throughout the jurisdiction has been quite satisfactory and that a very keen interest is shown by practically all of our subordinate lodges. The inauguration by our Grand Master of District Meetings proved a wonderful success and I believe that if they are continued it will not be long before it will be difficult to find buildings large enough to hold all the members who will want to attend. It certainly has the effect of us getting closer together, gaining valuable information and cementing our friendships. The following is a statement of how we stand as far as regards membership:

Initiated 436; Passed 417; Raised 407; Re-instated 35; Affiliated 95; Demitted 114; Died 132; and Suspended for N.P.D. 209 making a total gain of 83 subscribing members from the year previous. The total number of members being 9662.

A very full and fraternal report is included at the end of Grand Lodge business in which Saskatchewan receives its due share in rather more than two pages of kindly criticism.

OHIO 1924

The one hundred and fifteenth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was held at Cleveland, Ohio October 15th and 16th, 1924. M.W. Bro. Campbell M. Voorhees, Grand Master in the Grand East.

Ohio during the past year mourned for the loss of two Past Grand Masters in the persons of M.W. Bro. Isaac Kinsey and M.W. Bro. Edwin Lewis Lybarger and also of their Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Jacob Henry Bromwell who had acted as Grand Secretary in 1888 and had rendered valuable service for the past thirty-six years. On inspections the Grand Master has to say: "As has been reported from year to year, all of the lodges have been inspected during the year and with few exceptions the reports of such indicate unusual proficiency in the ritualistic work and excellent physical and financial condition.

"I wish to bear testimony to the loyalty, zeal and efficiency of the District Lecturers this year and to express the confidence I have, that the future of the Grand Lodge of Ohio is well secured when such is at the call of a Grand Master.

Dispensations for four new lodges were granted during the year. Under the heading of Visitations the Grand Master had this to say in his address:

"One of the chief pleasures of a Grand Master is that of visitation to the Subordinate Lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction, and it was my hope to be able to make as many visitations during the year as time and physical endurance would permit."

The Grand Master made no less than fifty-six visitations to the suburban lodges throughout the Grand Jurisdiction

The Grand Lodge had an official visit from R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, representative of the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, P.G.W. and President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Under the heading Masonic Libraries, Education Programs, Lectures the Grand Master had this to say: "My attention was called at various times during the year to efforts being made in several Masonic centres of our State to conduct lecture courses in Masonic education, one of which was carried on under the joint auspices of three Lodges in the City of Columbus. The program of lectures furnished by the Committee selected from these lodges was most instructive and pleasing and the members attending such lectures were greatly inspired to further effort in Masonic education.

"I do heartily recommend the establishing of lecture courses in Masonic education, in such Masonic centres where it may be possible to secure adequate attendance."

The report of the Superintendent of the Ohio Masonic Home makes very interesting reading and shews that that organization is doing good work, handling in the neighborhood of 300 persons, men, women, boys and girls and very interesting pictures of the various buildings exhibited shew them to be beautiful and well situated dwellings.

A very interesting and instructive foreign correspondence report is submitted in which Saskatchewan is credited with about three pages of friendly remarks and criticism.

OHIO 1925

The one hundred and sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was held at Columbus, Ohio, October 21 and 22, 1925. M.W. Bro. James B. Ruhl, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address stated:

The year has been a very busy one and as well a very prosperous one. Our material prosperity has been great, our lodges and our membership have greatly increased, but above all has been our satisfaction and enjoyment in that we have continued to prosper in an ever increasing spirit of fraternity which has prevailed throughout. There has been little of discord within the State this year, but very much of continued concord and brotherly love. Numerically we have been prosperous in that we have had substantial growth in membership although the Masonic year has been a month shorter than in the years heretofore, the close of the Grand Lodge year having been changed from August 31st to July 31st, yet the net gain numbers Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Master Masons and we now have a membership of One Hundred and Ninety-three Thousand Four hundred and sixty one in good standing. We do not speak boastfully of our continued prosperity, but with pardonable pride, for we feel that in

all the years it has been deserved. We would not glory, for we know from the prophet (Jeremiah 9: 23-24) "Thus saith the Lord; Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."

The Masonic Fraternity is to-day more prosperous in Ohio than ever before in the history of this Grand Lodge. There are six hundred and one lodges under charter and five under Dispensation—with a membership in good standing of One Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty one on July 31, 1925. All lodges are comfortably housed and materially in good circumstances—some really in luxury. New temples in almost every community throughout the commonwealth. In new members there is a substantial and satisfactory growth, nearly one hundred thousand of our present membership have been raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason within the last ten years. And of that which is more desirable of all, we have and enjoy a large spirit of fraternity, which prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. It was not always thus. A century ago it was reproach in Ohio in the public mind to be a Mason. Today it is an honor and a distinction. Why the change of opinion? It can not be on account of our so-called secrets. They are the same as always—two great classes; the means of identification and the method by which is taught certain great and outstanding lessons. The world knows nothing more of them to-day than heretofore, but the world does know from our everyday lives, our daily conduct, certain Masonic tenets or criteria.

It knows that on every Masonic Altar there is found the open Bible; that we believe in the God therein revealed, and that we are loyal in our belief in Him, and our adoration for Him.

It knows that we are loyal to our neighbour, and that our neighbour is every one with whom we come in contact—not the Mason only, but all mankind. That we do behave when true to Masonry, toward our neighbor in the manner of the example of Him of whom it is said "He went about doing good" and that we pride ourselves in our good thoughts good feelings and good acts toward all men.

It knows further that when under the influence of our Fraternity we are true to ourselves—and that in our walks among men we concur with the poet—"To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day that thou can'st not then be false to any man."

Ohio mourned for the loss of two Past Grand Masters in the persons of M.W. Bro. Allen Andrews, Past Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. Horace A. Irwin, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer both of whom were summoned to the Grand Lodge Eternal.

Five Dispensations for new Lodges were granted during the year and four lodges were constituted.

The report of the Superintendent of the Ohio Masonic Home is well worth reading and shows that a great amount of good work is being done in that institution, several interesting pictures are also given showing the Home in several of its varied aspects.

A very interesting report of the Masonic Veteran Association of Ohio is also submitted.

There is also a review of sister Grand Jurisdictions included in the Annual Volume of Proceedings in which some sixty or seventy Grand Lodges are reviewed and in which we notice Saskatchewan receives very favorable review for 1924 and 1925.

OKLAHOMA

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was held Feb. 24, 25, 26, 1925. M.W. Bro. Henry S. Johnson, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his annual address speaking of the origin of Masonry says:

Conscientiously studying the problem, we ask, "what is the mission of Masonry? Who founded it and why? What is Masonry designed and expected to do? and how and when? Why veiled in secrecy?"

Fundamentally, the universe is bound by inexorable laws. This applies to the race of men and to each individual man as a constituent unit of the human family.

Man is both free and bound. Man is given free will, but with certain reservations and limitations. He is the only earth-citizen with a moral nature. He alone of all God's creatures can commit crime. Criminal law, criminal jurisprudence and criminal procedure, and all penalties, penal institutions and insane asylums exist because of and within the scope of the exercise of that part of the human function known as free will. As man develops the capacity for its exercise together with a benign justice in his heart, the scope and dominion of man's free will is extended.

God is the Master designer, the Grand Architect of every age, of every civilization, of every people, of every art. We, as craftsmen are set to do His deep designs—not always understanding, but abiding by the rule and guide laid down before us.

The image of Daniel is a pictograph of every nation, of every sovereign of every man of every age—head in the sky; bathed in the sunlight of golden ideals; silvery notes of eloquence, music and tenderness flowing from chest and throat; the works of the hands ornamental as polished brass; standing in the power of free will as upon limbs of iron; human, passionate, lustful, emotional and perverse as a god, with feet of potter's clay standing in the mire and dust of earth.

The Master Man, overshadowed and possessed by the Christos, closed his life in martyrdom, his very raiment and vestiture taken by his enemies. Of his eleven followers, ten likewise suffered.

Then light in the sky before the sun comes up—the morning star—arises in the East. The Eleusynian mystics, the Persian Magi, the Median Illuminati, the Pythagoreans, The Essenes, the School and Cult of the Prophets of the Hebrews, in many forms have kept the fires burning on the Holy Altar, and passed the sacred teachings from mouth to ear.

When the rulers of the earth had taken temporal power as their slogan and the sword as their symbol, wealth and worldly renown as their goal, custodians of the Holy Doctrine appeared in Europe and established two great schools for the enlightenment and elevation of mankind—the one entirely esoteric becoming the Rosicrucian Fellowship, designed solely for the exceptional spiritual few; the other, both esoteric and exoteric (but more nearly the latter) a great school of Moral Science—the order of Freemasons, designed for those who, though less advanced spiritually, were worthy and at least partially qualified to receive its message of light and personal liberty.

They both sprang from the same parent school, and the golden key was safeguarded. The two movements began and took their present form as a necessary climax of the Dark Ages in Europe, when a

bigoted, benighted ecclesiastical caste with fire and sword and the co-operation of civil and military authority subjugated and ruled the world. Independent research was suppressed; the souls of men were heavy, yearning for daybreak.

From the ashes of one age arises the Golden Phoenix of the next, purified by flame, her glorious name of "Service".

Masons—Apostles of Light; Children of the Dawn; Face the East. For God said, "Let there be light" God the Preserver had kindled the fire on these two holy altars, erected to Him and dedicated to the service of humanity.

The votaries of Masonry must be first duly and truly prepared in the heart or at least be ready and willing to practice the virtues of tolerance, honesty, patriotism, brotherhood, prayer, repentance and service to others; must be watchful over and attentive to the call of liberty, free will, brotherly love and charity.

Masonry emphasizes right conduct. It is primarily a school of character building. It endeavors to lay a plan of speculative initiation before its votary, with the view of inducing him to accept its model whereby to pattern the real and actual unfoldment of the moral nature until the candidate is an operative Mason in the field of character as well as a speculative Mason.

As history instructs by example, Masonry teaches by symbol. As Nature conceals and educates by the labor necessary to discover and exemplify her laws and her processes, so Masonry—a true modulus of Nature's methods—conceals and reveals by means of arduous labor in the interpretation of her allegories and legends and in their assimilation and adoption.

Masonry's first task is to teach her pupils self-knowledge, sound laws of personal conduct, and correct rules of adjustment with their fellows. It teaches that man's first duty is to reconstruct his own life. It reveals to him his own nature and shows that God is his Father. By allegory and legend Masonry admonishes that though he seek the North, South, East and West, true happiness and real satisfaction can not be found in or from external sources. All worldly and external honors, glories and rewards are but substitutes. In the heart alone can the true word be spoken, and only after completion of self mastery. It can only be uttered in the presence of the three sovereigns or Grand Masters of the heavenly kingdom, namely, Wisdom, Power and Beauty.

The first and noblest of these reigning sovereigns is Reason, conscience judgment, the power of mind, knowledge enriched by personal application—Wisdom—Solomon.

The second sovereign is Will, purpose, desire, motive, strength, Power—The King of Tyre.

The third sovereign is "Action"—"Beauty"—harmony expressed in motion, form and color.

Self development is not enough. Perfection is not in itself an end. These are but the means to a noble and exalted usefulness. As the craftsman improves in excellence, his activities correspondingly increase and more and more are they consecrated to the service of others.

The Grand Lecturer's report shews that the Masons of Oklahoma take great interest in their work. He held 189 schools in constituent lodges and five district schools making a total of 848 days. At the five district schools an average attendance of 450 was reached.

The Secretary's annual report shews that matters financially are in good standing and that everything is O.K.

The report of the Masonic Service Association makes very inter-

esting reading and it is evident that they are in earnest and intend to make good. Past G. M. Eagleton gave a very interesting and instructive address on this subject which no doubt will have a lasting effect upon the members.

A very good foreign report is added to the proceedings in which Saskatchewan is courteously represented.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1924

R.W. Bro. Samuel Goodyear, Grand Master.

The Quarterly Communication was held at Philadelphia, March 5th, 1924. The Grand Master at this communication advised the brethren of the presentation of securities of \$230,000.00 from Bro. Jno. M. Smith in addition to a gift of \$20,000.00 previously given for the purpose of building the "John Smith Home for Boys" on the Elizabethtown Masonic Homes Tract.

At the quarterly meeting held June 4th, 1924, routine business was carried forward as also at the meeting held Sept. 3rd.

At the Dec. 3rd, quarterly meeting annual reports of the various funds were duly reported and properly dealt with.

The Annual Communication was held at Philadelphia on Dec. 27th, 1924, with the Grand Master in his place. At this meeting the Grand Master's address was duly delivered. It is a clear cut proposition and goes very fully into everything that is therein mentioned.

"We are happy to report that we have enjoyed a year of prosperity both from a numerical as well as a finished viewpoint, and best of all there prevails throughout our borders, a marked spirit of unity and harmony which is finding its best expressions in an endeavor to press onward and upward to the realisation of those high ideals as taught by our Ancient Institution. This is evidenced not only by the loyal services being rendered by the officers and members of our lodges, but by the earnest desire for a deeper knowledge of Masonry, including its history, symbolism, morals, ethics and philosophy.

"I desire to pay a just tribute to the efficient services rendered by the D.D.G.Ms. and to publicly acknowledge my great debt of gratitude for aiding me in the discharge of the duties of this office. Year by year these duties seem to multiply and each year finds new problems awaiting solution. The only way a Grand Master can hope to meet the demands made upon the office is through the active co-operation of our well built-up plan of Deputies, and the lodges must not forget that when a Deputy speaks, he does so with the voice of a Grand Master. Failure on the part of a Lodge to realise this fact during the year made it necessary to lift a Warrant and, of course, suspend the labor of the lodge.

"Recommenders—Both from experience and observation I am prompted to conclude that too much laxity exists among the brethren regarding their duties in this important phase of our work, and which is constantly resulting in doing harm to the Craft.

"The confidence rightfully placed by the lodge upon the integrity of the recommenders ought to inspire such a pride and sense of responsibility as to preclude the signing of a petition for initiation and membership, unless the petitioner is so thoroughly known that the recommender can attest not only to knowing him in a general sense, but that he can and does certify to his high moral character, his good standing in his community, his ability to earn an honest livelihood and his fitness to be made a Mason.

"So grossly has this fundamental duty been violated, both maliciously as well as by reason of ignorance as to duty, that numerous cases have come to my attention for discipline, and where the facts seemed to justify I directed the lodges to prefer charges against the transgressors for un-Masonic conduct. Grand Lodge cannot afford to view lightly this important part of our work and both Deputies and Officers of Grand Lodge should see to it that the membership is thoroughly advised as to the duties and responsibilities of recommenders.

"The Ballot.—If recommenders "knew" the man whose petition they sign and if time and care is given by the Committee appointed to make the necessary inquiry, comparatively little use will be found for the black ball. The use of the black ball is a right secured to every Master Mason which he should be permitted to exercise without supervisory interference or questioning by any brothers.

"It is not the only protection we have to safeguard the Fraternity when rightfully used, but on the other hand, in the hands of one who is unworthy to wear the badge of a Mason, it not infrequently works a very great injury to a lodge, by denying admission to those who are in every way worthy, and thus the Craft is made to suffer.

"It has already been decided that the ballot is not to be polluted by petty malice and one who thus weilds the power which Masonry gives him, and excludes from the lodge those against whom there is no objection has been declared by Grand Lodge to violate his obligation to be a foe to Masonry and false to every principle of duty and right, and unfit to belong to the Craft."

The Grand Master concludes his valuable address as follows:

"In administering the affairs pertaining to the office of Grand Master I have been more and more impressed with the thought that a willing obedience to law is the best guarantee of the perpetuity of our time-honoured institution. Further, many of the questions propounded to the Grand Master each year would be rendered unnecessary had the Brother asking possessed a meagre knowledge of our laws as set forth in the Ahiman Rezon. Most of the mistakes of Masters, Secretaries and officers of Lodges result from a lack of knowledge of the law rather than from wilful violation, and I can offer no better admonition to the 200,000 Masons comprising this Jurisdiction than a careful study of the Ahiman Razon, which will guide them right in the management and conduct of the affairs of their lodges.

A summary of the dues paid by the members to their respective lodges show a variation from \$3.00 to \$15.00, five lodges at \$3.00 and two at \$15.00 as the extremes but the majority are set at \$5.00 and \$6.00 per annum with quite a few at \$9.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is very interesting and contains a report of over sixty sister Grand Lodges, in which Saskatchewan receives over a page of favorable report of the annual communication of 1923.

PENNSYLVANIA 1925

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia, December 28th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Samuel M. Goodyear, Grand Master.

The Grand Master began his address as follows:

"Time, in its unceasing onward march has again brought us together in Annual Grand Communication, which according to the historian, marks the one hundred and ninety-fifth milestone in our career as a Grand Lodge.

"From a small beginning in 1720, like the tiny acorn, we have grown until today our Fraternity stands in all the splendor of an acknowledged monarch, deep rooted in the historic soil of our Commonwealth, with its branches reaching out and touching the remotest corners.

"Proud of our splendid history and the equally splendid work accomplished during its almost two centuries of active and zealous endeavor, but prouder still of the fact that we have kept faith with those pioneers who laid for us the foundations of Masonry in Pennsylvania, as well as those who have followed in their footsteps, in adhering strictly to the fundamentals of Masonry and its Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks, we turn to register on Clío's scroll the record of the passing year.

"Eight new lodges have been constituted throughout the jurisdiction. All of these lodges commenced their careers under favorable conditions and give promise of becoming useful and prosperous members of our family of lodges.

"It is rather surprising to still find, from time to time, that we have among us the 'Chain Prayer' pest, and further that we have some members who fall a prey to this superstition, notwithstanding the oft repeated warnings to the Brethren. The custom is one that has no place in Masonry and is a relic of the dark ages. My predecessors have prohibited their circulation by the issuance of edicts and I trust the Brethren will lend their aid in assisting to permanently stop the misguided practice.

"Pennsylvania is noted, not only among the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, but abroad, not alone for its conservatism, but also for its financial strength, but if we were only able to measure our growth in dollars it would not present a satisfactory development. What is far more important than its financial standing, is the fact that there is being developed a desire upon the Brethren of this Jurisdiction to learn more of our fundamental teachings and of the history of Freemasonry. Indeed, it may be said without fear of contradiction that the spirit of Masonry of our jurisdiction stands out in bold relief as one of growth and development.

"We now have a corps of one hundred lecturers, representative members of their professions and vocations, many of them having enviable records of Masonic service. These brethren are rendering invaluable service to this Grand Lodge in bringing to the lodges the measure of Masonic truth that will result in increased interest to the fraternity. During the year these lecturers have responded to numerous call to service and from reports of Masters and Secretaries we learn that the attendance on the part of the Brethren was increased, the interest marked and the demand for further lectures general.

"I believe we may safely assume that never in the history of our Craft in this jurisdiction has a more marked spirit of harmony prevailed among the brethren than during the past year, in which I greatly rejoice and pray that it may so continue. May the tenet of

our profession be transmitted through our lodges, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation and when for us the "silver word be loosed" may we each one have the consciousness of duty well done and be received in that spiritual Temple above whose Builder and Maker is God."

The Committee on Lecture Corps Report is very interesting and shows that they do good work. The Grand Lodge travelling library has evidently won appreciation of lodges and members. Though each Grand Lodge District has been supplied with this library, many lodges and individual members have purchased it. To some lodges the library has been presented by Past Masters, or enthusiastic members.

"Under the heading of Masonic Education the Grand Master had this to say: Pennsylvania is noted, not only among the Grand Jurisdictions of the the United States, but abroad, not alone for its conservatism, but for its financial strength, but if we were only able to measure our growth in dollars it would not present a satisfactory development. What is far more important than its financial standing is the fact that there is being developed a desire upon the part of the brethren of this jurisdiction to learn more of our fundamental teachings and of the history of Freemasonry. Indeed, it may be said without fear of contradiction that the spirit of Masonry of our Jurisdiction stands out in bold relief as one of growth and development.

There is a very full report on foreign Grand Lodges which reviews sixty-three Grand Lodges, fifty-six in the United States, nine in the Dominion of Canada, two in the British Isles, five in Australasia and one in the Philippine Islands. In this report we find that Saskatchewan has duly received a page of careful attention.

QUEBEC

The fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal, Que., Wednesday, February 11th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Allan P. Shatford, Montreal, Grand Master.

The Grand Master says:

In welcoming you to this, the 55th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I desire, as my first word, to render homage to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the blessings and discipline of the past year. It has been a period of lights and shadows, of progress and depression, of hills and valleys, but God is a God of the valleys as well of the hills. Shall we not receive good from the hand of the Lord and shall we not also receive evil. Are there not moral uses of adversity as well as of prosperity? It sometimes happens that we learn more in the hours of darkness than in the full glory of the noonday, so we gratefully acknowledge the leading of God in all the events of the past year and pray His mercy upon our failure to make the best use of our opportunities.

Under the heading of "Form and Spirit" the Grand Master had this to say:

There are few organisations, if any, wherein spirit and form are more continually present than in Masonry. It is consequently subject to those misuses and abuses which characterize the conduct of a man where these two manifestations are evident. Where will you go to find a loftier and sweeter spirit than Masonry in ideal exhibits? And where will you discover a more complicated and multi-

fied display of forms? Our ideals are all veiled in allegory and symbols. Our ethics are cast in metaphor and figure. Our Ritual is one long and wondrous skein of intricate forms. Like the meshes of a net they cross and recross one another continuously. What wonder if men get lost or confused in this maze of mysteries. Yet it is of the very essence of our Order that we should keep spirit and form in their due proportion. It is of primary importance that we recognise the superiority of spirit over form but it is of almost equal significance that we learn the true value of forms. The spirit can only be manifested in external shape but how often does the form choke the Spirit or hinder its fullest revelation? Man has always been making the mistake of holding the form after the Spirit has been released from it, or he has run the risk of discarding the form before he has fully grasped and understood the Spirit.

Are You A Mason.—That question, so frequently asked, demands something more than being versed in ritual or the exchange of secret grips. If all you have to give in response to it is a whispered word or a pressure of the fingers, a sign or an offered jewel, then you have learned little of what it means to be a Mason. For Masonry in its deeper aspect is of the soul and mind. It is to see in your fellow man whether he be learned or ignorant, whether he be black or white, whether he hails from the West or East, a friend and brother, one whom you can love and serve. The question you will ask him, if you be a true Mason is, not "What is your creed?" but "What is your need?" You will see in him the same high aspirations and the same weaknesses that you will discover in yourself. The thought of exploiting him will never darken your soul, the hope of claiming him for the highest will radiate your heart and flush your mind with promised victory. It is to see in your fellow-man whether he be learned or ignorant, whether he be black or white, whether he hails from the West or East, a friend or brother, one whom you can love or serve. The question you will ask him if you be a true Mason is not "What is your creed?" but "What is your need?"

The reports of the D.D.G.Ms. are very full and complete as to their doings and visitations and shew harmony throughout the Grand Districts.

The Grand Secretary's report shews a roll of 13,703 members being a net gain of 497 for the year; that all of the lodges had one or more initiations during the year. There are 78 chartered lodges while 2 are under dispensation.

The Grand Treasurer's statement shews a surplus for the year of \$3,583.87 over expenditures.

Saskatchewan has a kindly report of 1924 proceedings.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1925

M.W. Bro. The Honorable Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole, Grand Master. The half yearly communication of the Grand Lodge was held Wednesday, October 15th, 1925. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. A. A. L. Rowley, P.D.G.M., presided supported by R.W. Bros. W. Berry, P.G.W., as Senior Grand Warden and R.W. Bro. Duncan Fraser, P.G.W., as Junior Grand Warden; the Grand Lodge was duly opened and proceeded to business.

The Grand Master's address was full of business though not very long; in talking of the progress made by the Grand Lodge he stated

that, at the foundation of this Grand Lodge in 1884 there were thirty lodges; in 1914 there were seventy-seven, an addition of 47 in 30 years. In the last six years 45 warrants have been granted shewing that lodges are increasing in number almost five times faster than they did in the first thirty years of the Grand Lodge's history. Further, during the last six years the membership of the lodges within this jurisdiction has increased on the average, seven times as fast as it did during the first thirty years. This increase is, of course, to some extent, due to the growth of the population of the State, but Freemasonry has grown in this State with greater comparative rapidity than the population. Taking the period 1911 to 1921 (for which census figures are available) the male population of the State increased by approximately 20%—slightly over that figure. During the same period the number of members of our order was increased by over 100%. That brethren, shews indubitably progression in numbers, but one does not, of course, judge entirely by numbers. Quality, as well as quantity, is requisite and that leads me to these further observations.

The growth in the numbers of lodges which has been so marked in recent years has led some brethren, I fancy to think that the granting of a Warrant for a new lodge to petitioners if not a matter of right is, at least, a matter of course. Let me assure them that that is not so. There are many circumstances which call for consideration before granting such a warrant. The discriminate granting of Warrants for new lodges could very easily lead to the disruption or enfeeblement of existing lodges. On the other hand the State in which we live is one of wide distances between centres of population, and unless in these circumstances, lodges are established Freemasonry is not likely to make any progress in them, but, if on describing a circle from such a centre with the radius of a cable tow you find within the circumference a sufficient population to secure the permanence and growth of the lodge by admission of worthy men and that circle does not cut or cuts but slightly any other circle in which a lodge is established, the existence of the new lodge marks a distinct advance.

Undue Publicity.—And now, brethren, I wish to make a remark or two upon quite a different topic. It has seemed to me that reports of lodge meetings and gatherings immediately connected with lodge meetings appear with greater frequency in the non-Masonic press than they did. This, in my view is wholly undesirable. There is, when reports are supplied to what in this connection I may term the profane press, a very grave risk that matters may be communicated which, for a Mason to communicate, would be a Masonic offence. I trust that W.Ms. will do what they can to discourage such reports. It is not in this jurisdiction alone that attention has been called to this tendency. In 1918 the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England expressed its grave disapprobation of it. A communication which may with propriety be made to a Masonic journal may yet be wholly inappropriate for the public press and may cause misunderstanding and injure the Craft.

The Board of General Purposes recommended that recognition be given to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and that a representative be appointed which was duly agreed to.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held April 15th, 1924 when the foundation stone of the new Temple, North Terrace, Adelaide, was well and truly laid, later in the day.

The Annual Communication was held and presided over by the Grand Master at which were quite a foreign representation from the sister Grand Lodges of the other States and New Zealand.

The present Grand Master was re-elected Grand Master for another term and duly installed after which the other Grand Officers were duly elected and invested.

A very good and clear report of sister Grand Lodges is added at the end of the volume in which Saskatchewan receives a fair share of a page and a half.

SOUTH CAROLINA 1925

The One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina convened in the Masonic Temple in Charleston at 11 o'clock Wednesday, March 11th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Charles K. Chreitzberg, Grand Master.

Under the heading of Education the Grand Master says:

I have read a great deal of the doings of Grand Lodges and other Masonic Grand Bodies all over this fair land of ours, and the outstanding thing towards which they have directed their and effort is Education. Everywhere there is striving and planning for a better and higher education for the masses as well as for the Masons. We want our young men to become educated Masons, but if we educate the masses, we thereby take the longest possible step towards accomplishing our desires. If the more than three million Masons in this country of ours put their shoulders to the wheel of the great educational movements that are being fostered throughout the land, we will soon be able to dispel the ignorance and superstition which have so long held millions of our people in chains of slavery, and it will not be long before we can conquer man's greatest foe, error. When illiteracy has been banished from amongst our people a higher Masonic education of our initiates will be the easiest thing we have to accomplish. This higher Masonic education is greatly to be desired. Masonry is not the conferring of the several degrees; that is merely a means to an end—the foundation upon which a moral and spiritual edifice is to be erected. But alas; how many of us stop when the foundation is laid. The wise man puts a foundation under his house—it may be rough—but it must be strong. Then he encloses the building, embellishes it with panelled wainscot and corbelled arches; he furnishes it completely before he can enjoy it. Why should we as Masons, stop with the foundation? Why not inclose our moral and spiritual building with the history of our order, embellish it with the philosophy of Masonry, make it comfortable with the poetry and imagery that encrust our traditions. Then we can enter upon an enjoyment of that part of Masonry that is now almost a closed book to the great rank and file of our fraternity.

The Grand Master has a good word to say about the Masonic Service Association. Its periodical "The Master Mason" is praised and he urges the members to read "The Master Mason" and the "Short Talk" bulletins.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.s make very interesting reading and it would appear that Masonry is in good hands in South Carolina.

South Carolina mourned the death of the Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. John W. McCullough.

Saskatchewan receives a two page report very nicely written.

SOUTH DAKOTA 1925

The fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was held at Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, Tuesday, June 9th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Frederick Treon, Grand Master.

South Dakota mourned for three Past Grand Masters in the persons of P.G.M. James Lewis (1896) born July 24, 1855, died Sept. 13, 1924. P.G.M. Frank A. Brown (1902) born Oct. 31, 1855, died Oct. 30, 1924. P.G.M. Robert Henry McCaughey (1905) born Nov. 4, 1861, died Oct. 23, 1924.

The Grand Master's address gives a faithful report of his doings during the year of office and concludes:

I prize and appreciate the honour of being your Grand Master, far more than I would to have been elected to the highest office within the gift of the people of this State. I have tried to bring the best I had in me to the fraternity. I have presented and emphasized several points that it seemed to me Masonry stands for; the home, our public school and the observance of the laws of our great America. In summing up it appeals to me the whole category of our effort is embodied in the one word, "Service". Every man should reward Masonry for its confidence, with the best endeavor. Brothers, it is not enough to learn the lectures. They are only a foundation for a useful life. Wearing a Masonic emblem does not make a man; it is only proof that the order has tried to clothe him with the habiliments of a gentleman worthy of the confidence of your family, your neighbour, your country and yourself. But the order cannot by putting the blanket of Masonry over you, make you worthy of the name. It's up to you to make good. You must build with your own life a temple that will endure. Live not alone for self but for them that need you.

"If to your neighbors you can be
All you would have them be to you,
Can shut your eyes to self, yet see
How much for them your life can do,
You'll find in many a grateful smile
Proof that your toil has been worth while."

The Grand Secretary's report shews that the net gain in membership during the year past was 333 making the total membership 19,296. He had had made during the past year fifteen jewels for members who had been Masons for fifty years or more and the same were duly presented to the members at their own lodges, which night was reckoned as a gala night for the respective lodges. Nineteen more members had been listed for this year as deserving the same distinction.

The new library building (illustrated) which was built in 1924 was on the 9th June publicly dedicated to Freemasonry, Virtue and Universal Benevolence in ample form.

Bro. Chas. S. Hall, the Grand Orator, delivered a very interesting and instructive oration, in concluding which he quoted the following selection entitled "I am Education";

I bear the torch that enlightens the world, fires the imagination of man, feeds the flame of genius. I give wings to dreams and might to hand and brain. From out the deep shadows of the past I come, wearing the scars of struggle and the stripes of toil, but bearing in triumph the wisdom of all ages. Man because of me, holds dominion over earth, air and sea; it is for him I leash the lightning, plumb the deep and shackle the ether.

I am the parent of progress, creator of culture, moulder of destiny. Philosophy and science are the products of my hand. I banish ignorance, discourage vice, disarm anarchy.

Thus have I become freedom's citadel, the arm of democracy, the hope of youth, the pride of adolescence, the joy of age. Fortunate the nations and happy the homes that welcome me.

The school is my work shop; here I stir ambitions, stimulate ideals, forge the keys that open the door to opportunity. I am the source of inspiration; the aid of aspiration. I am irresistible power.

There is a very good review of foreign Grand Jurisdictions taking up over sixty reports in which however we find Saskatchewan is not in evidence; however we hope we shall have better luck next year.

TENNESSEE

The one hundred and eleventh annual meeting was held at Nashville, Ten., January 28th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Howell E. Jackson, Grand Master

Tennessee mourned for M.W. Bro. Thomas Owen Morris who died at Nashville, November 8th, 1924. A very feeling and interesting resume of his life was delivered by M.W. Bro. William H. Bumpus.

Under the caption "Guarding the Outer Gate" the Grand Master felt that he could do no better than quote from a former Grand Master the following:

1. The applicant should be a gentleman, as Americans interpret that word. He should be of refined manners and tastes, no matter what his standing in the so-called social world. We have known hod carriers to be more refined than some Senators of the United States.

2. He should believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, Creator and Master of all.

3. He should believe in the Immortality of the Soul. An annihilationist can not participate in our Mysteries, and would be an atom of foreign matter in our Ceremonials.

4. He should be able to make himself known to the Craft by means of recognition unknown to the profane. The details of that ability should be trusted to individual lodges.

5. He should be known to be a good citizen, a true friend, a kind father or son, or husband, or brother.

6. He should be a man who seeks the general good of his kind and is not a greedy or selfish person to the known detriment of others.

7. He should be a temperate man in eating, drinking and in speech; orderly, forbearing, not contentious, nor inclined to speak evil of others.

Such men are worthy of admission within our portals; aye, such are capable of "holding the Mystery of the Faith in a pure conscience."

The Grand Master adds to this "that it is often much easier to get an unworthy one "in" than it is to get him "out" and that sometimes the attempt to put him out disrupts the lodge."

The Committee on Education in their report, while thankful for considerable improvement realise that much must yet be done. The members of this organization have had a large and important part in bringing about a sentiment for better education in the State, but the struggle has just begun. The Government may initiate and strongly urge reform, but the people must carry out the program. The

measures of taxation must receive the sympathetic support of the citizenship if the ideals, for which we stand pledged, are realized.

An appendix of about 150 pages follows in which foreign jurisdictions are reviewed, but Saskatchewan was not in the list.

TEXAS

The eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held in the City of Waco, Dec., 2nd 1924. M.W. Bro. Gus A. Brandt, Grand Master.

Texas mourned for two of its past Grand Masters, in the persons of M.W. Bro. John L. Terrell and M.W. Bro. D. Frank Johnson.

Forty five Master Masons who had been in good standing for over forty years were introduced to the Grand Lodge by P.G.M. Frank C. Jones who at the request of the Grand Master delivered to them a short address of welcome while they stood assembled in the Grand East.

The address of the Grand Master to the brethren assembled in Grand Lodge was very full and replete with a list of all of his doings during the past year in which it might be noted that he supplied a list of three hundred and forty six decisions he had been requested to give during the year, sixteen cases of invasion of territory are also noted, while no less than forty nine applications for dispensations to lay corner stones were granted, another six being refused.

In his concluding remarks the following may be noted:

As Masons, we are taught to labor and that the world itself will be an eternal witness of the acts that we have done; that we are noblemen of God's patent, and that our escutcheons and quarterings are to be found in Heaven's great book of Heraldry. But if this be so, if we are to record accomplishments worthy of such a record, we must preserve Masonry as the realm of peace and by our actions demonstrate the power of gentleness, which is too little seen in the world today. From none are the accomplishments and fruits of service withheld. Masonry admonishes us that he is a barren tree indeed that lives and spreads and encumbers the ground, yet leaves not one seed to generate after him. Consequently, if we are able to lend the slightest impulse to any great and laudable design, if we by association with other good men are enabled thereby to advance the cause of enlightenment and humanity and civic progress, that will be our measure and will, just as truly as for the greatest, "be our sufficient though it be our sole reward."

A great Roman has reminded us that in no respect do men so nearly approach the Deity as when they confer benefits on man and that this should be a guide for those who set a right value upon a high and unsullied renown and who, if they are ever to contemplate their future and eternal state, must not give up their hearts to the praise of the crowd nor fix their hopes on such rewards as human power can bestow, but must raise their eyes to higher prospects.

Masonry is not sentimental but practical, and if it remains true to its mission, and Masons to their promises and obligations, the ways of Truth and Progress lie open before us. If, as she says, she wears a stern face toward men's vices and fancied pleasures, she also teaches

that God esteems it one of His glories, that he brings good out of evil, that the distinguishing property of man is to search and follow after truth and that the only true knowledge is to distinguish good from evil.

The report of the committee on Masonic Education and Service as submitted by M.W. Bro. Andrew L. Randall makes very interesting and instructive reading, a portion of which we quote:

During the past year we have devoted a large part of our attention to the development of three particular things. We have not neglected the executive end of the work and other things involved in the development of our programme, but in addition to these ordinary matters there are three things which I think ought to be specially called to your attention.

We have devoted a great deal of time to the beginning of a campaign for the putting of a practical, sensible, reasonable working library in every Masonic Lodge in the United States, a little group of well selected volumes at reasonable prices, which are available to the brethren wherefrom they may get that information, and that Masonic education which they must have if they are going to be effective, efficient, well informed members of the Craft. That campaign is progressing magnificently all over the country. To foster it we have grouped together, after careful selection throughout all the field of Masonic literature four groups of books, priced at \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$42.00 for each group, so that the lodges can buy one group after another and buy no Masonic Junk and have no duplications and the total of four groups, which, if bought separately would cost \$114.00 are made available at \$100.00.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have a very good report on foreign correspondence taking up over 200 pages of very interesting material of which Saskatchewan in a very nearly three page report receives very courteous treatment.

VIRGINIA

The 147th annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Richmond, Tuesday, February 19th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Chas. H. Callahan, Grand Master.

The opening periods of the Grand Master's Address, the whole of which is very interesting contain the following.

The Declaration of Independence was only two years old when amid the clash of arms of that mighty and unequal struggle for American freedom a devoted band of fraternal patriots assembled in the provincial village of Williamsburg, dissolved their allegiance to foreign jurisdictions and asserting the inalienable rights of free men founded the Grand Lodge of Virginia. How far away that scene appears amid the splendours of the Craft's expanding influence today. Exalted by continued service to humanity, loyalty to country and reverence to God, it enjoys now the fullest measure of public approval in all its honored life.

Happy in our present condition and sanguine of future success we can look back with grateful hearts through the intervening years to those stirring times and devoted men, who gathered amid the clouds

of Revolution, organised our present Grand Lodge and with fervent zeal dedicated it to the Godly mission for which it serves.

Among his decisions are to be found the following.

I decided that the Secretary of a lodge has no right to furnish a mailing list of his members to any one for other than Masonic purposes.

That the trustees of a lodge have no right to interfere with the prerogatives of the Master but when they have been vested with special duties by a vote of the lodge the Master cannot arbitrarily change or interfere with those duties.

That the ballot after having been declared from the East cannot be respread.

The Grand Lodge mourned the death of P.G.M. M.W. Bro. Thomas Newman Davis who so ably filled that office from December 1903 to February 1906 and the removal of this brother from the ranks of Masonry was very feelingly displayed by the report of the Committee on Memorials.

The Committee appointed to supervise the collection of funds to provide a suitable memorial to M.W. Bro. George W. Wright, late Grand Lecturer reported that its membership has worked faithfully to execute the commission and perform the service demanded of them.

The intention is that the fund raised would be used for the establishment of an Old Folks Home and the treatment of tubercular Masons. They further reported that pledges had been received from the lodges within the Grand Jurisdiction that the sum of \$196,487.21 had so far been granted.

The third day of the annual meeting brings a very interesting report by the Committee on Masonic Home which shews that good work is being done. The report on foreign correspondence has very little to say regarding Saskatchewan but it has a place in the work. Better luck next year, we hope.

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WASHINGTON 1925

The sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington convened in the Auditorium of the High School Building City of Hoquiam, on Tuesday the 16th day of June A.D. 1925. M.W. Bro. Robt. C. McCroskey, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Ralph Clapp McAllaster, Grand Master 1907-1908 crossed the great divide during the year. He died December 23rd, 1924.

The Grand Master's Address to the brethren was fully taken up with an account of his doings during his term of office, from which we learn that seven new lodges were duly constituted; four dispensations for new lodges were issued; three corner stones were truly laid by the Grand Master and two others by special deputies.

Four Masonic Temples were also dedicated by the Grand Master and one was laid by a deputy.

He made no decisions during the year as all questions submitted to him were answered by reference to the code.

"In November last I sent a circular letter to the different lodges asking them to appoint committees of Research and Education in the constituent lodges. Many have done so and are now functioning

nicely. I would urge those lodges that have not yet formed such a committee to do so at once, so that the work may go forward in an orderly manner.

"Judging from the cordial responses received by the Committee from all over the jurisdiction, I am confident that the Craft have whole-heartedly welcomed this splendid educational movement, and I bespeak for the program your earnest consideration and co-operation. Brethren, we have well begun this most necessary work and the future is in your keeping. The work accomplished so far is to me very gratifying, and it is my earnest desire to see the program grow deeper and broader from year to year, thereby rendering invaluable service in the years to come."

The report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education is a lively one and is well worth reading by all Masonic students, shewing as it does what can be done in one season's work if the heart and will to push are in unison as they evidently were in Washington last year.

A most excellent address was delivered by the Grand Orator, W. Bro. A. W. Davis, from which we quote the following:

Masonry is not a political party. He who seeks to make it take sides in great social or governmental questions is not its friend but its enemy. It seeks to unite men on fundamentals on which all men can stand, and it is concerned in the building of manhood and character, and in this manner influence their actions on all social and political questions. A man, well grounded in faith, and well-schooled in the Masonic virtues, will learn to view all public questions from the standpoint of morality and right.

Masonry is not a religion for to its precepts the Bhuddist, the Mohammedan, the Confucian, the Christian and the Jew may alike subscribe. It is religion, for its foundations are deep and enduring in the Fatherhood of God. It recognises great truths in every religion and emphasizes that faith upon which those religions are established. Beyond that faith Masonry does not and will not go. To do so would weaken its program and narrow its influence.

All Masons, therefore, who violate not the rule of right, written by the Almighty upon the tables of the heart, who do fear Him, and work righteousness, we are to acknowledge as brethren.

There is a very interesting report on foreign correspondence made by M.W. Bro. Edwin H. Van Patten at the request of the Grand Master, owing to the sudden death of the previous correspondent in the person of M.W. Bro. Ralph C. McAllister, and although the time was short he has made a very good job of it and we hope he will be able to include Saskatchewan in his next report.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

M.W. Bro. Most Rev. C. O. Riley, D.D., (Archbishop of Perth.)
Grand Master.

At the Quarterly Communication held at Boulder, August 23rd, 1923, the Grand Master in his address gives a full statement of his doings during the quarter.

The Board of General Purposes recommended the Grand Master to issue new Charters to new lodges at West Subaco and Wyalketchem which was done.

The Quarterly Communication held at Perth was opened in ample form on 22nd November 1923 when the Grand Master submitted a

report and a list of 30 lodges visited during that period, as well as the consecration of two new lodges.

At the quarterly meeting held at Bunbury, February 26th, 1924 routine business was taken up and disposed of.

The Annual Communication was held at Perth, on Thursday May 22nd 1924. The Grand Master in the course of his annual address on the question of membership, stated: "We have now twelve lodges with a membership of over one hundred, about the right size to enable brethren to get together, to learn each others faults and virtues, in fact to know each other. In lodges running into many hundreds and even thousands, there is little opportunity of the members getting acquainted by coming into personal contact with each other, and so that comradeship and friendship which the Craft is designed to promote become unreal and artificial and in such atmosphere Freemasonry cannot flourish. It may have numbers, it may have wealth but it cannot have true fraternity. The returns of numbers of lodges and members show a net gain of 83 members for the year and the number of lodges to be 101.

A very good review of sister Grand Lodges is appended to the annual proceedings, wherein in a full page, Saskatchewan is reviewed very satisfactorily.

WEST VIRGINIA 1924

The sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple, Bluefield, W. Virginia, Wednesday, Nov. 12th, 1924. M.W. Bro. Fred C. Steinbicker, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address submitted reports of his doings during the year from which we gather that he had convened the Grand Lodge in special communications during the year last for the purpose of laying three corner stones at which he himself had officiated, while he had issued proxies to lay the foundation stones of 10 churches, three Masonic Temples, one 4H Cottage, one High School, one memorial building three new lodges and during the meeting of Grand Lodge it was his intention to lay the corner stone of the City Building of Bluefield

He refused to issue a dispensation or to take part in the laying of a corner stone on a Sunday.

He refused permission to a lodge to allow the lodge room to be used as a meeting place for the De Molay boys.

"After a thorough investigation of all the circumstances in connection with the Order of De Molay, I concluded that since there are at the present time at least eight or ten new organizations that are claiming some sort of Masonic relationship or connection with some of its appendant orders, or in some manner under the protection or sponsorship of the appendant orders of Masonry and realizing that Free Masonry must finally accept the responsibility for all of these many newly created organizations, that I am persuaded that I would not be acting for the best interests of Masonry would I give my consent to any of these organizations to meet in the lodge rooms of our subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction and must therefore conclude that the order of De Molay boys cannot meet in your Blue lodge room. I further desire to say that I think it very unwise for any of our members to organize any new branches of these so-called Masonic organ-

izations (no matter how worthy they may be) until they have secured the consent of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in regular Annual Communication.

"I think this matter should be acted on by the Grand Lodge so that individual Masonic Brethren throughout this Grand Jurisdiction will not assume to bring any of these new orders into our jurisdiction with the expectation of having them meet in our Lodge Rooms, when it is not certain that they would be permitted to meet therein.

"I hope this Grand Lodge will take some action looking towards making this matter clear in the minds of our members before further embarrassment is encountered."

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence stated that the Committee has specially considered the decision of the Grand Master relative to the order of De Molay meeting in Masonic Halls, and do also approve the same and agree with him that our members should not organize any new branches of these co-called Masonic bodies, without the permission of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge being first had, and we further request our Grand Master to refuse permission to any such organizations to meet in any Blue Lodge Halls until this Grand Lodge has given permission therefor in due and legal form.

West Virginia mourned for the loss of P.G.M. Frank T. Burt, 1889, who died at Brooklyn, May 24th, 1924.

On the second day's meeting Grand Lodge after resuming its labors adjourned to lay the corner stone of the Municipal building then in course of erection where the Grand Master proceeded, with the assistance of the Brethren of Grand Lodge, to lay the corner stone according to the ancient customs and ceremonies of the Craft. After the ceremonies were concluded the Brethren and others heard an eloquent and timely address by the Rev. W. C. Moore, after which Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Temple and resumed its labors.

The Report of the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodge Officers stated that it had given due and careful consideration to the reports of the various Grand Officers made at the present Grand Communication and it is very gratifying to note the interest and activity in all things Masonic throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. The report of the Grand Master shows careful and thoughtful consideration of the many matters incident to the discharge of his various duties.

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The reports of the Deputy Grand Lecturers make interesting reading and shew that their visits to the various lodges appear to be well received and that great interest is taken in their work.

The report of the Governors of the Masonic Home makes very interesting reading and while the institution is still in its infancy it is quite easily to be seen that it is going to do great work and will be a great boon and blessing in the district.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan's annual meeting of 1923 is

avored with a review of three pages in which Grand Master Shephard's address is kindly referred to as also is the general business of the Grand Lodge.

WEST VIRGINIA 1925

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of West Virginia was held at Parkersburg, November 11th and 12th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Clyde T. Dutton, Grand Master.

In his annual address the Grand Master states:

Our associations from year to year have united us in ties of friendship and brotherly love that are not easily broken. May these ties be the more firmly cemented as we travel the pathway of life, in which we shall cherish the memory of scenes here enacted, and the fellowship whose fragrance shall grow sweeter and sweeter with the passing years. It is with no small degree of pleasure that we anticipate each Annual Communication, and the present occasion is no exception. We have eagerly looked forward to another opportunity to renew our Masonic acquaintances throughout the state, to meet new faces and to form new friendships.

On sixty previous occasions has this Grand Lodge assembled in a similar manner and for similar purposes. For the sixth time within its history, we now meet in the City of Parkersburg, our Sixty-first Annual Communication.

It is fitting at this time, before considering matters of business and routine that we pause in token and respect to those who, since our last Annual Communication have finished their earthly labors, laid aside the working tools of life, and entered that Kingdom of the "silent majority" where "joy flows in one continued stream, and no mound can check its course."

Then follow short obituaries of deceased brethren members of the Grand Lodge among whom we note the following:

P.G.M. John Wm. Arbuckle, Grand Master in 1879.

P.G. Sec. John M. Collins, G.M. 1895-6 and as Grand Secretary since 1912.

P.G.M. George Wesley Atkinson, G.M. in 1876 and Grand Sec. from 1885 until 1905.

"Once loved and lost awhile", they have gone
To the throne of Life Eternal, to the home of love Supernal,
Where the Angels' feet make music over all the Starry floor.
Where they wait in peace to meet you, and with words of joy
to greet you.

And tell you of the glory that is theirs for evermore."

Seventeen corner stones were laid during the year at ten of which the Grand Master officiated, the others being attended to by proxies.

The report of the Grand Lecturer shews that he and his deputies are busily engaged in the good work. They made visits during the year to sixty two lodges and it is estimated that the Masters and Wardens in almost an equal number of lodges have received instructions in five regional schools of instruction. More than one hundred lodges, therefore have had an opportunity to rehearse their work with an official lecturer.

There is a very good and full report on foreign correspondence in which over sixty Grand Lodges are duly reported upon. Saskatchewan receives favorable criticism.

WISCONSIN 1925

The Eighty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin was opened in due form in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Milwaukee at two o'clock Tuesday, June 9th, 1925. M.W. Bro. Frank Johnson, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is full of his business during the past year. Wisconsin lost six hundred and thirty seven members who had been summoned to that land where their fathers had gone before them. Amongst whom might be noted Past Grand Master Jesse C. Bradley, Past Senior Grand Warden W. F. Gruenewald, Past Grand Junior Warden John T. King:

Among his decisions given during the year past were the following:

1. Q. Has the lodge the right to make a donation to a Young Men's Christian Association? Answer: No.

2. Q. (1) Objection has been made to the advancement of a Fellow Craft by four members of our lodge. Has the Master the power to refuse to accept the objection? Answer: No.

(2) Are the men making the objection guilty of unMasonic conduct for basing their objection upon personal prejudice? Answer: No.

(3) Can the ballot be taken in any other manner than the regular ballot box? Answer No.

3. Q. Would it be proper to confer part of the E.A. degree upon several candidates one evening and then finish the work on a later evening? Answer: No. It would not be proper and ought not to be sanctioned.

4. Q. In conferring the Master Mason Degree, at the request of the candidate, could the word "swear" in the obligation be changed to "affirm". Answer: No.

5. Q. In lodge "A" at a regular communication which was attended by Bro. "B", who had demitted from the lodge a few months previously, a ballot was taken on a candidate and by oversight the demitted Brother was allowed to cast his ballot.

The result of the ballot was dark, and was so declared by the Worshipful Master and recorded by the Secretary and the lodge closed.

Was the demitted Brother within his rights in attending the lodge?

Answer: Yes, where no objection was made to his doing so, but he had no right to vote.

Was the ballot illegal? And if so can a new ballot be taken?

Answer: After the result of the ballot had been declared by the Master, the Secretary had made a record thereof, and the lodge closed, the ballot must stand.

Physical Qualifications.—The Grand Master during the year has been asked quite a number of times to grant special dispensations, or rule that a profane who had some physical ailment, defect or mutilation contrary to the Landmarks of Masonry and Laws and Edicts of this Grand Lodge, be allowed to petition for membership and taken into the lodge.

To all these enquiries and requests I have held to a strict enforcement of the Land Marks and Laws and Edicts of the Grand Lodge as to physical qualifications.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Research is very interesting and shews that they are doing good work and have reason to think that progress is being made along that line.

The travelling libraries have proven quite satisfactory, twelve sets having been circulated. We have increased our supply of books

so that we will have eighteen sets in circulation during the coming year. Reading Masonic literature is one of the surest ways of acquiring a proper conception of the importance of Masonry. We notice with pleasure that there is an increase in the number of lodges that are starting libraries and cannot too strongly recommend that every lodge possess some Masonic books.

The Committee on Charters recommended that same be granted to the two lodges applying for same viz.: Adams Lodge and Cedar Grove Lodge.

The report of the Committee on foreign correspondence is good and takes up nearly two hundred pages of the Proceedings but for some reason or other Saskatchewan fails this year to find a haven of rest, possibly next year we may be more fortunate.

WYOMING 1925

The Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was held in the Masonic Temple, Sheridan, at nine o'clock a.m. Wednesday the 19th day of August, A.D. 1925. M.W. Bro. John Ira Kirby, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is fully taken up with the business that had taken place during the year past.

The increase of membership has not been so large as in some preceding years, yet the past year has been one of material growth for Masonry in Wyoming. This is true not only in our largely increasing membership, but in the greater influence and respect the Order commands in very community where lodges are located. The Grand Master is pleased to report that he is not aware of any serious dissension existing in any section of the jurisdiction.

Notice was taken of the death of P.G.M. Bro. Edward F. Stahle who had served in that capacity 1893-4.

He recommended a continuance in membership of the Masonic Service Association of the U.S. feeling that this Association is filling a long felt want and that it had accomplished even more than could be reasonably anticipated in the short space of its existence.

Two new lodges had been organised during the year past.

A resolution was passed at the meeting that:

Inasmuch as the Holy Bible is the Great Light of Masonry and the guide by which Masons should direct their walk among men and Masons, and that already many lodges and several jurisdictions have adopted the practice of presenting a Masonic Bible to each initiate upon their being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Therefore be it resolved: That, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming, in Annual Communication assembled recommend that the Masonic Lodges of Wyoming, in Annual Communication at Sheridan, Wyoming, recommend that the Masonic Lodges of Wyoming adopt the practice of presenting such a Bible. That the practice may be uniform, the Grand Secretary be authorised to arrange for the purchase of such Bibles to be supplied to subordinate lodges at cost, plus transportation. The motion after being recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence was duly put and passed.

The Report of Committee on Jurisprudence concerning the resolution for disposition of the Masonic History of Wyoming in the hands of the Grand Secretary, was as follows:

Concerning the resolution for disposition of the Masonic History of Wyoming in the hands of the Grand Secretary, we recommend that the Grand Secretary make a request of the Master and Secretary of each subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, that subscriptions from individuals in such lodge is desired not exceeding ten per cent of such membership at the rate of \$3.00 per volume and that such subscription list be forwarded by the Secretary of such subordinate lodge to the Grand Secretary, within sixty days after such request is certified by the Grand Secretary, all transportation charges to be paid by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary has a very good report on Fraternal Correspondence in which some sixty Grand Lodges are reviewed. Unfortunately Saskatchewan did not come under his notice, however we shall trust to better luck next year.

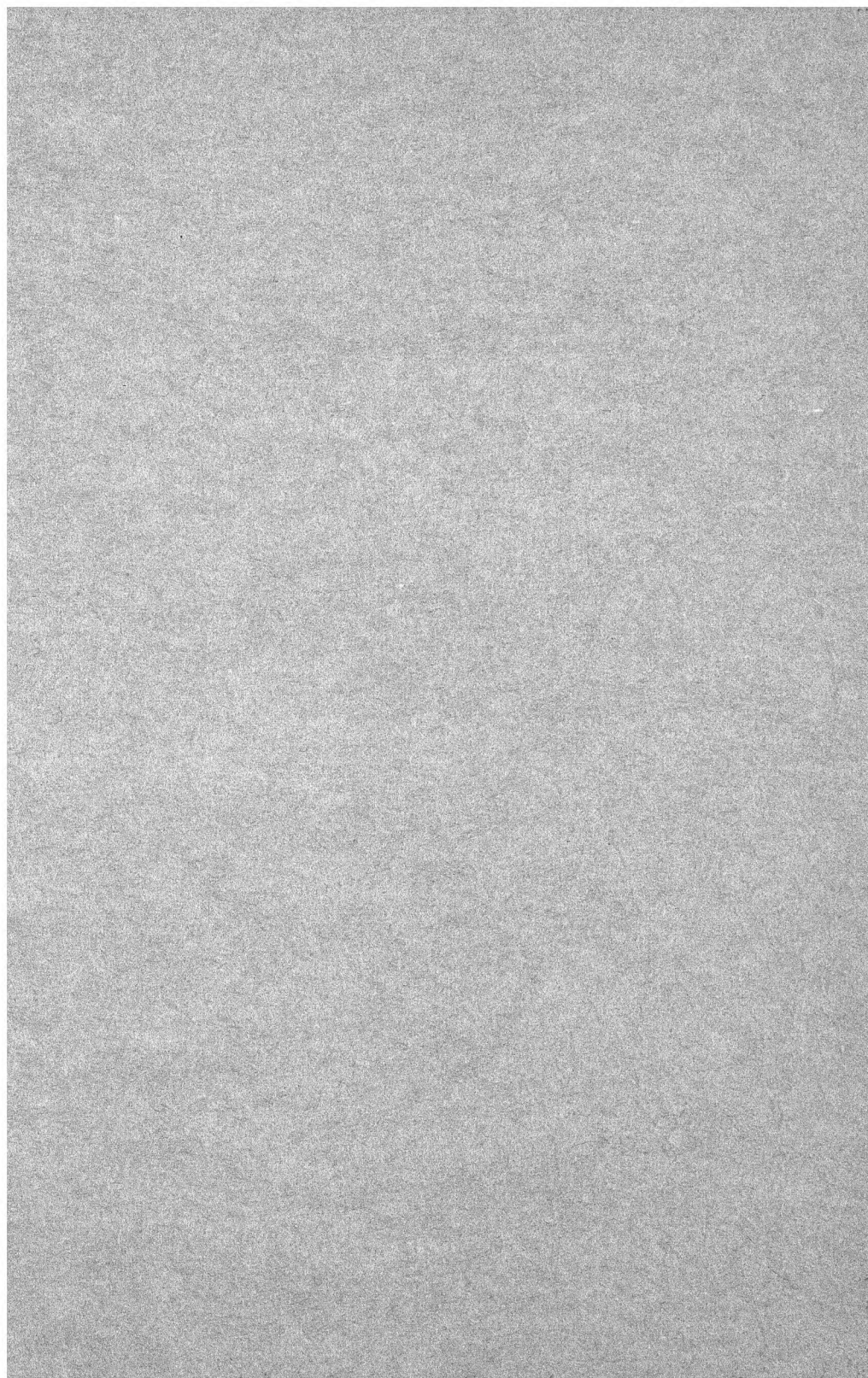
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F. B. Reilly, Grand Treasurer.....	Regina
W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary.....	Regina
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The 21st Annual Communication of Grand Lodge
will be held in the City of Moose Jaw on
Wednesday the 15th of June 1927
